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CHARACTERS IN THE PAST



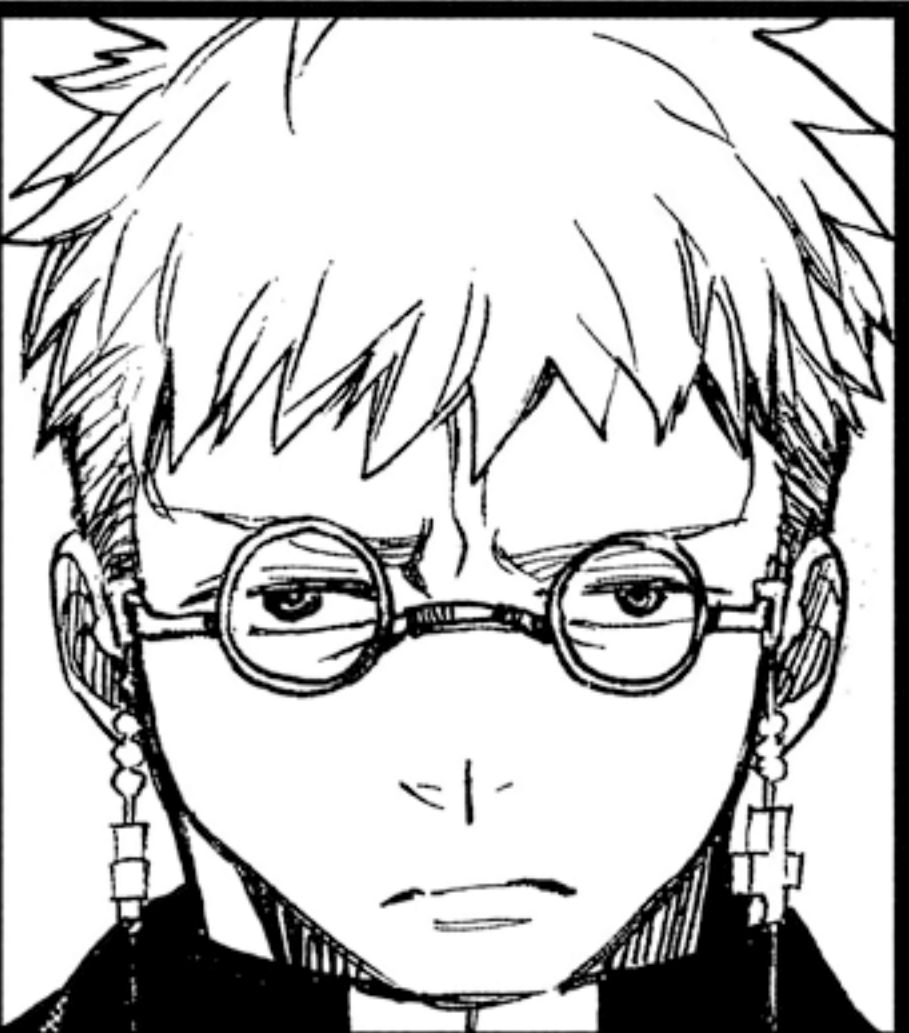
RIN OKUMURA

Born of a human mother and Satan, the God of Demons, Rin Okumura has powers he can barely control. After Satan kills Father Fujimoto, Rin's foster father, Rin decides to become an Exorcist so he can someday defeat Satan. Now a first-year student at True Cross Academy and an Exwire at the Exorcism Cram School, he hopes to someday become a Knight. When Yukio broke his Koma Sword, the power of Satan consumed him, but Shiemi called him back to himself. He has traveled to the past to learn the circumstances surrounding his birth.



MEPHISTO PHELES

President of True Cross Academy and head of the Exorcism Cram School. He was Father Fujimoto's friend, and now he is Rin and Yukio's guardian. The number two power in Gehenna and known as Samael, King of Time.



SHIRO FUJIMOTO

The man who raised Rin and Yukio. He was a clone of Azazel created in Section 13, but he made a deal with Mephisto and became an Exorcist.



YURI EGIN

Rin and Yukio's mother. She was an orphan, but after she met Shiro, Asylum took her in and she became an Exorcist. She is the only person Satan trusts and is pregnant with his child.



SATAN

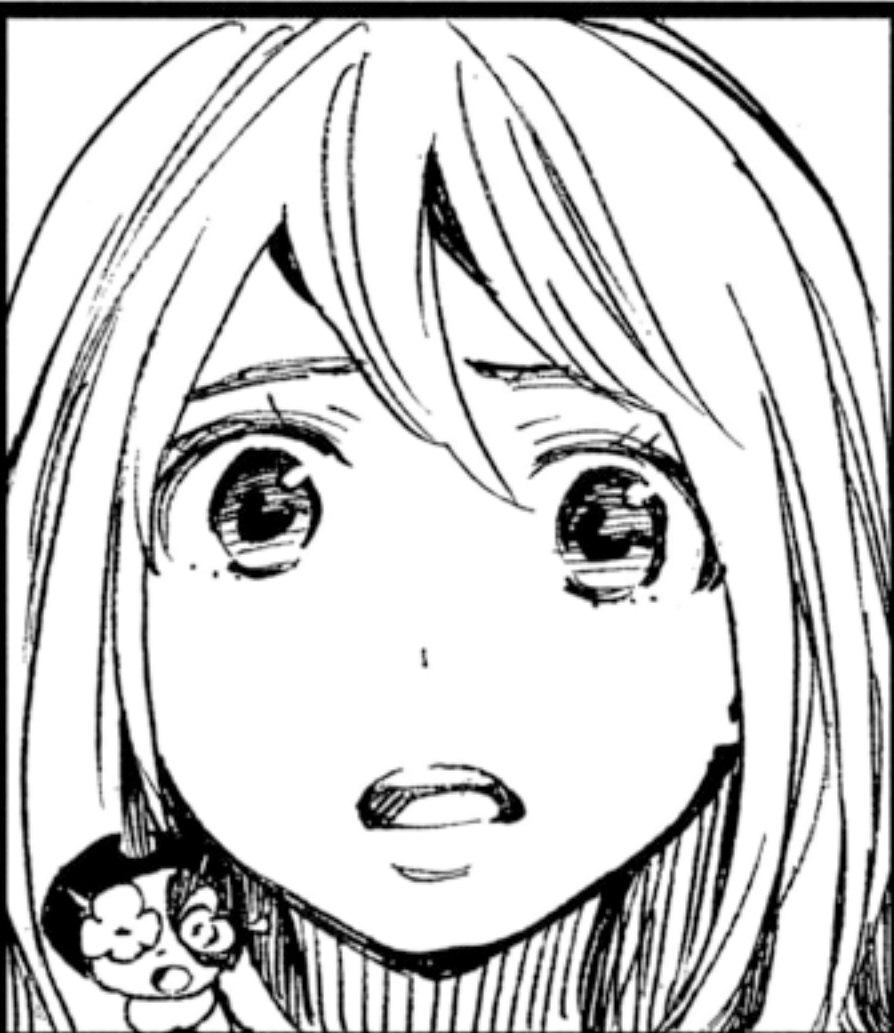
Rin and Yukio's father. He is connected to and rules over almost all demons. He occupies Section 13 to prevent the deterioration of his body, but the Order soon captures him during an escape attempt with Yuri.

CHARACTERS IN THE PRESENT



YUKIO OKUMURA

Rin's brother. He's a genius who is the youngest student ever to become an instructor at the Exorcism Cram School. Since learning that they were involved in cloning demon kings, he has begun to question the righteousness of the Knights of the True Cross and gone to meet the Illuminati.



SHIEMI MORIYAMA

Daughter of the owner of Futsumaya, an Exorcist supply shop. She possesses the ability to become a Tamer and can summon a baby Greenman named Nee. After quitting the Exorcism Cram School, she goes to the Vatican with personnel from the Grigori Agency.



RYUJI SUGURO

Heir to the venerable Buddhist sect known as Myodha in Kyoto. He wants to achieve the titles of Dragoon and Aria. He is Lightning's apprentice and they were conducting an investigation together.



KONEKOMARU MIWA

He was once a pupil of Suguro's father and is now Suguro's friend. He's an Exwire who hopes to become an Exorcist someday. He is small in size and has a quiet and composed personality.



IZUMO KAMIKI

An Exwire with the blood of shrine maidens. She has the ability to become a Tamer and can summon two white foxes. The Illuminati had taken her captive, but with help from Rin and the others, she escaped and settled her grudge against the insane professor Gedoin.



LEWIN LIGHT

An Arch Knight, he is Arthur's right-hand man as well as number two in the Order. An expert in Arias and summoning, he goes by the nickname Lightning. The Order has taken him into custody for the crime of assaulting Dragulescu.



LUCY YANG

An Arch Knight from the China Branch.



OSCEOLA REDARM

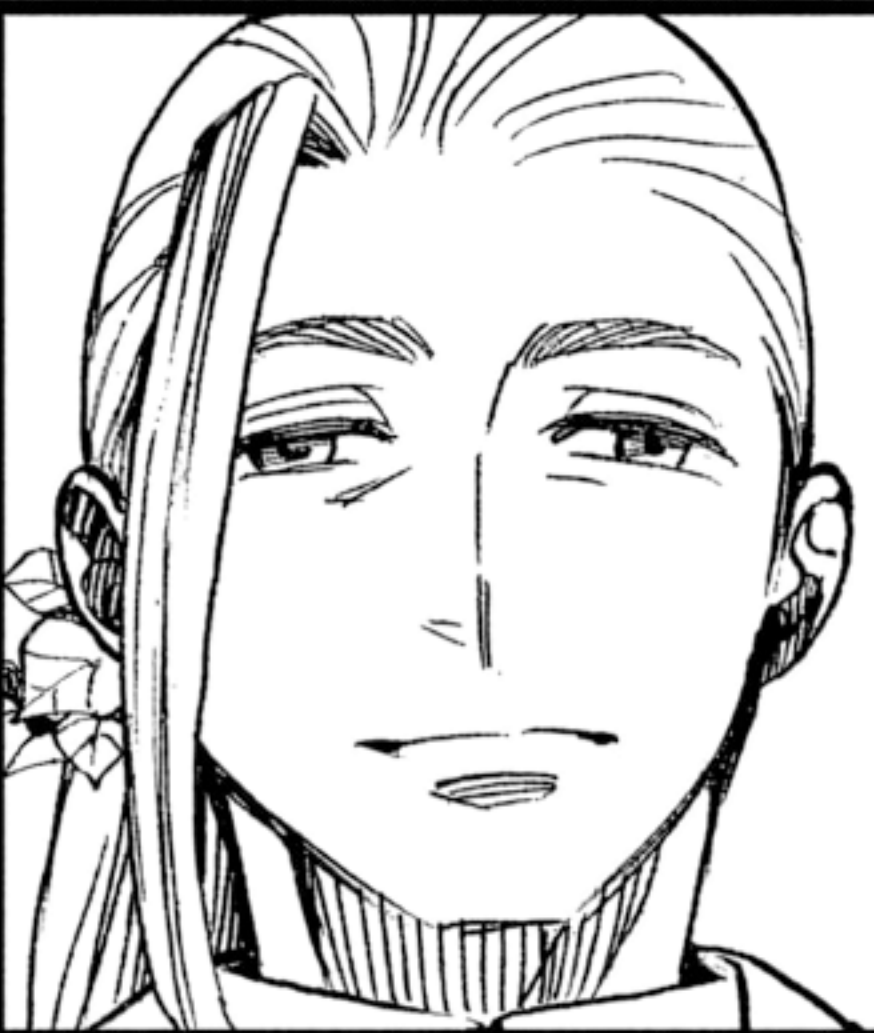
An Arch Knight from the Mexico Branch.

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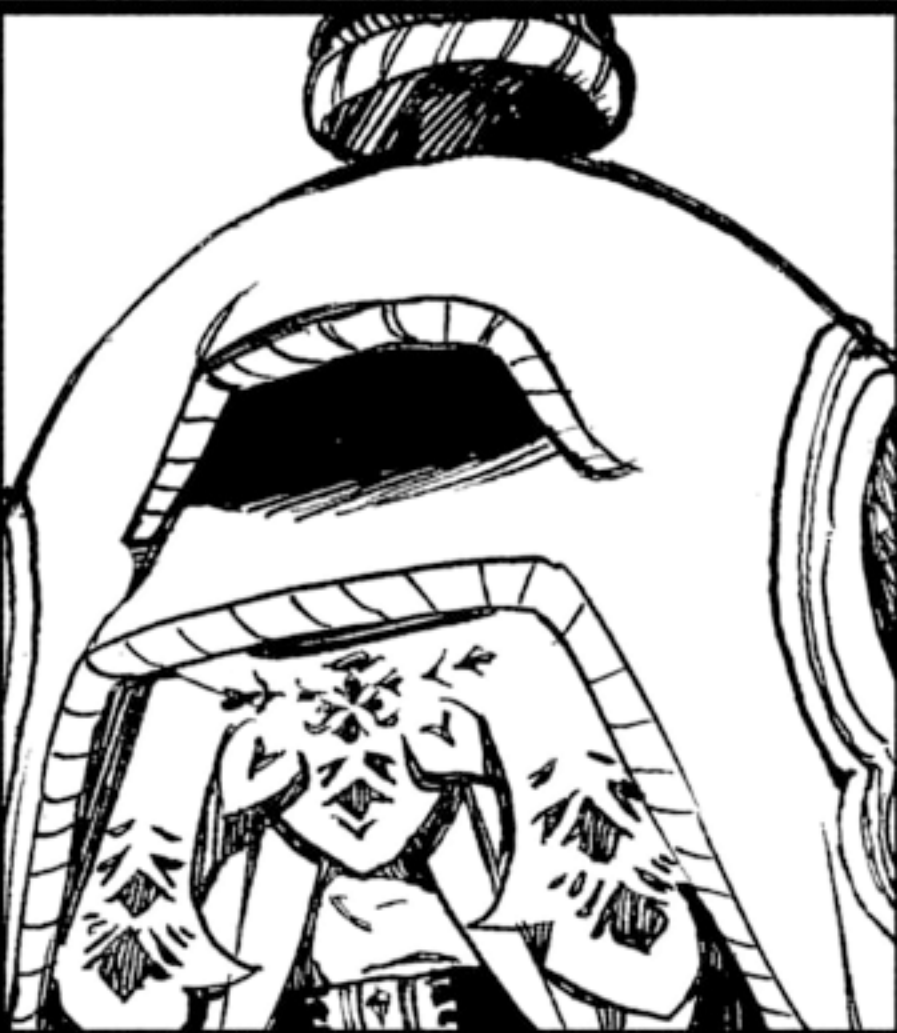
ARTHUR A. ANGEL

A Senior Exorcist First Class and the current Paladin. He wields the demon sword Caliban and is certain that Rin, as the bearer of Satan's blood, should be destroyed.



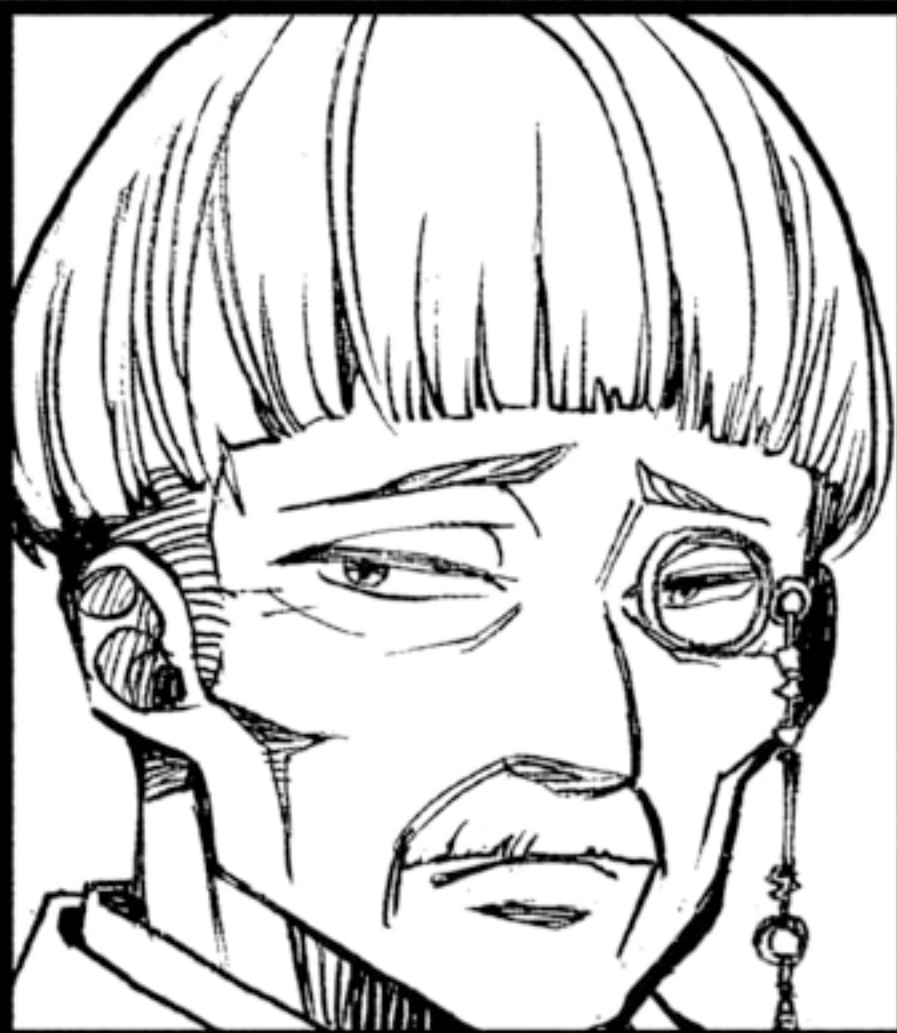
GRIGORI AGENCY

An organization at Vatican Headquarters that assists the Grigori, which appears to have a connection to Shiemi's mother, but...



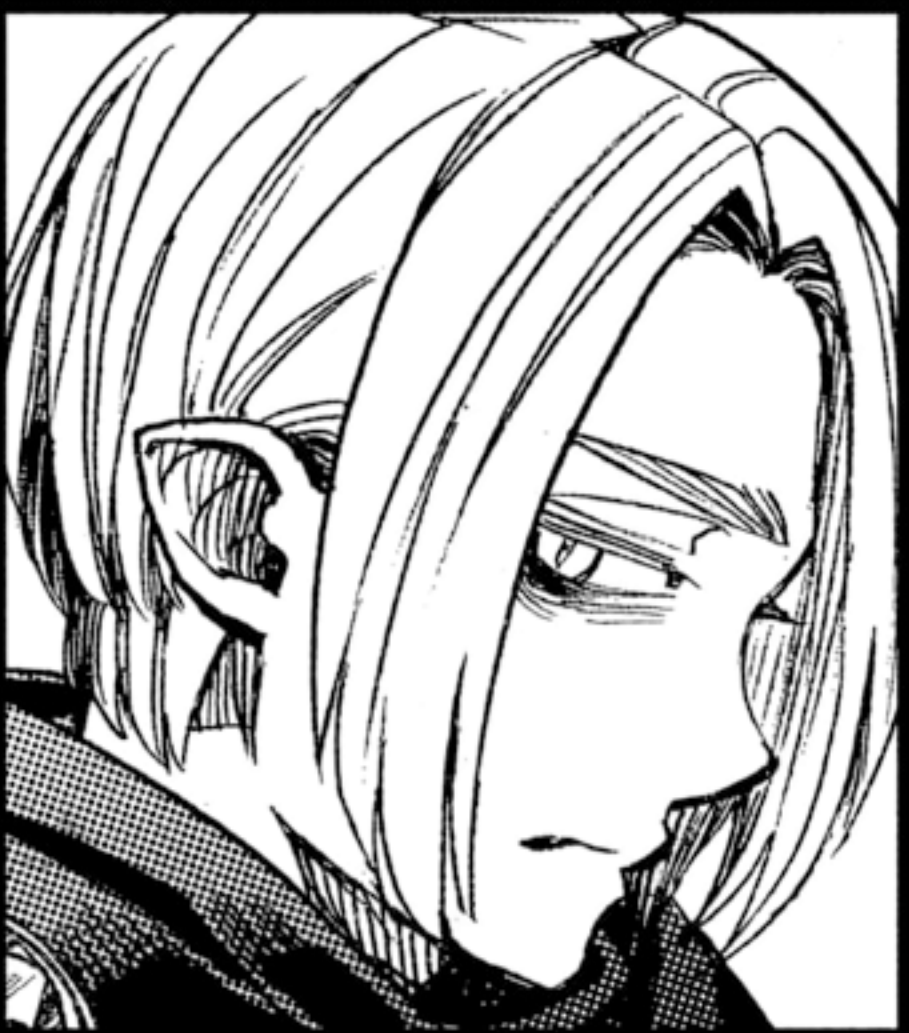
SHEMIHAZA

One of the Grigori, the Order's highest advisors.



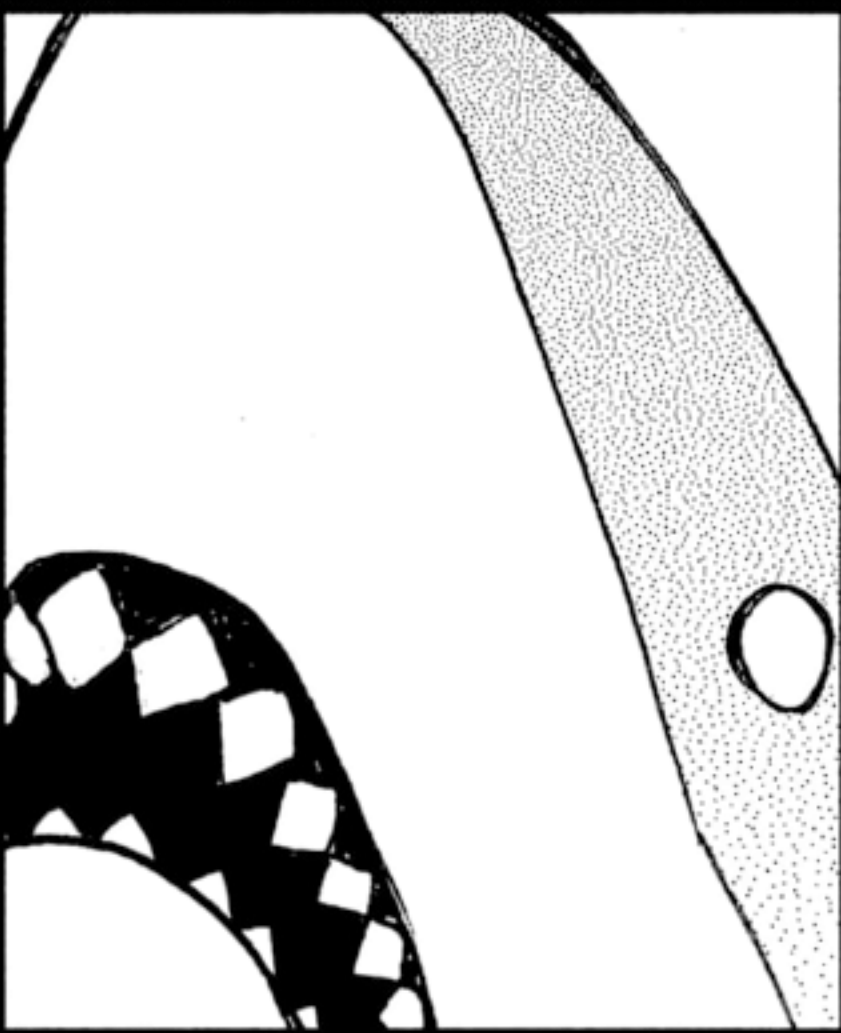
DRAC DRAGULESCU

The director of K.R.C. Laboratory leading research into cloning for Lucifer. At the time, he went by the name of Nicolae Eminescu.



LUCIFER

Commander-in-chief of the Illuminati. Known as the King of Light, he is the highest power in Gehenna. He plans to resurrect Satan and merge Assiah and Gehenna into one.



EGYN

One of the Baal and known as the King of Water. Assistant director of the airborne research laboratory on *Dominus Liminis*.



HOMARE TODO

Leader of Phosphorus, an organization of guards directly under Lucifer's command. She is Shima's superior officer and holds a rank of Adeptus Minor or higher.



RENZO SHIMA

Once a pupil of Suguro's father and now Suguro's friend. Currently, he is a double agent providing information to both the Illuminati and the Knights of the True Cross.

🌸 THE STORY SO FAR 🌸

BOTH HUMAN AND DEMON BLOOD RUNS THROUGH RIN OKUMURA'S VEINS. IN AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS FOSTER FATHER, FATHER FUJIMOTO, RIN LEARNS THAT SATAN IS HIS TRUE FATHER. SATAN SUDDENLY APPEARS AND TRIES TO DRAG RIN DOWN TO GEHENNA BECAUSE RIN HAS INHERITED HIS POWER. FATHER FUJIMOTO FIGHTS TO DEFEND RIN, BUT DIES IN THE PROCESS. RIN DECIDES TO BECOME AN EXORCIST SO HE CAN SOMEDAY DEFEAT SATAN AND BEGINS STUDYING AT THE EXORCISM CRAM SCHOOL UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF HIS TWIN BROTHER YUKIO, WHO IS ALREADY AN EXORCIST.

RIN AND THE OTHERS SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THE IMPURE KING, AWAKENED BY THE FORMER EXORCIST, TODO. MEANWHILE, YUKIO FIGHTS TODO, AND AS THE BATTLE RAGES, HE SENSES THE SAME FLAME IN HIS OWN EYES AS HIS BROTHER.

LATER, MYSTERIOUS EVENTS BEGIN OCCURRING AROUND THE GLOBE ORCHESTRATED BY A SECRET SOCIETY KNOWN AS THE ILLUMINATI. FINALLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS.

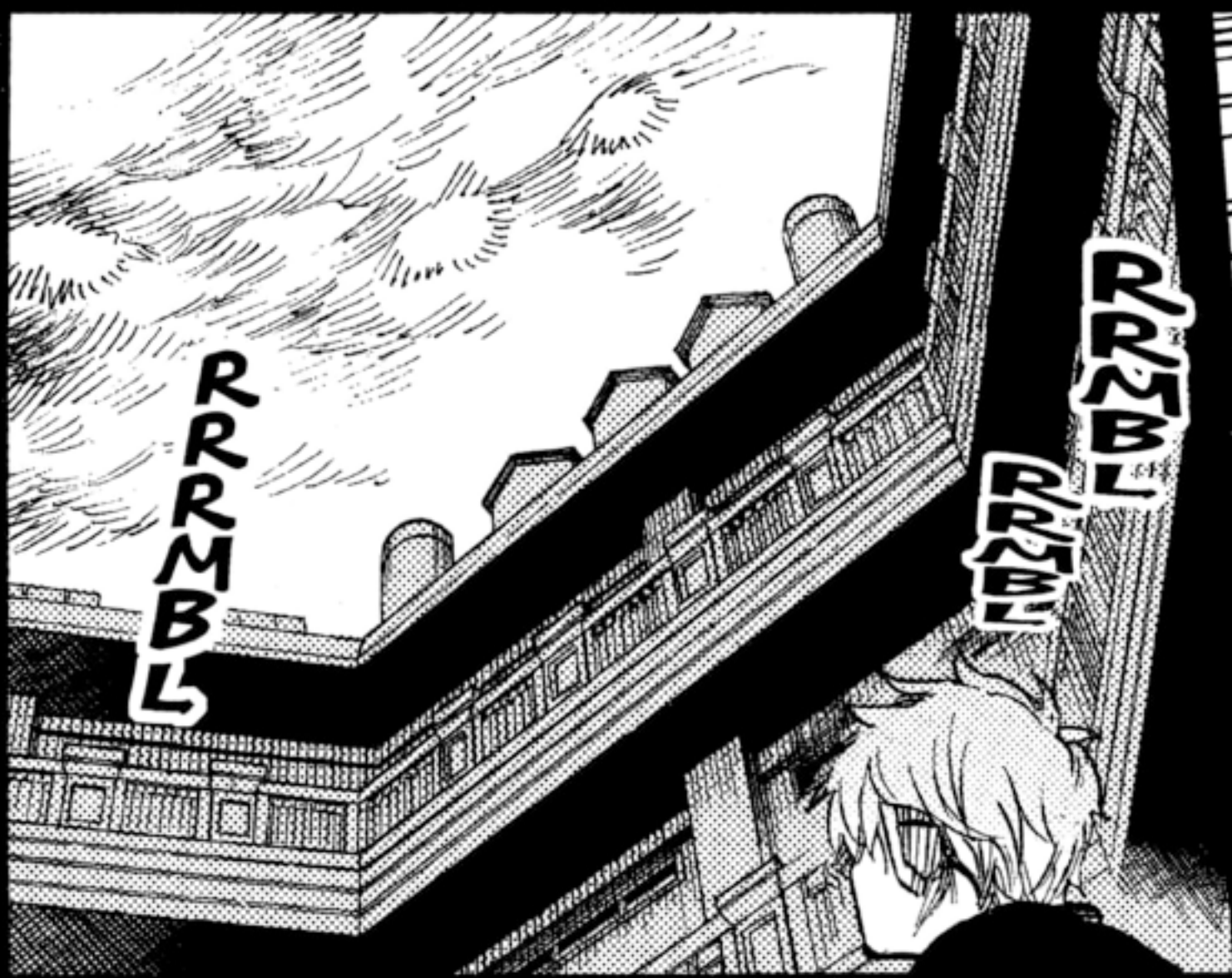
IN ORDER TO LEARN ABOUT SATAN INHABITING HIS LEFT EYE AND THE SECRETS SURROUNDING HIS BIRTH, YUKIO TELLS RIN GOODBYE AND GOES TO JOIN THE ILLUMINATI. RIN REALIZES HE TOO MUST KNOW ABOUT HIS BIRTH IF HE EVER WANTS TO SEE YUKIO AGAIN, SO HE TRAVELS INTO THE PAST.

AS HE OBSERVES THE LIVES OF SHIRO AND YURI, SATAN TAKES A CORPOREAL FORM. YURI KEEPS SATAN COMPANY TO PREVENT HIM FROM RAGING OUT OF CONTROL, AND HE GRADUALLY FALLS IN LOVE WITH HER.

THEY TRY TO ESCAPE ASYLUM TO LIVE A QUIET LIFE, BUT THE ORDER CAPTURES THEM. THEN SHIRO LEARNS THE SHOCKING FACT THAT YURI IS PREGNANT WITH SATAN'S CHILD!!

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FLASH



WHOA!



PLP



PLP

PLP



TO BE HONEST, THAT WOULD BE BEST.

AND BECAUSE OF THE CRADLE BARRIER, THEY CAN'T GIVE HER AN INJECTION.

IT HAS BEEN 18 HOURS SINCE HER CONTRACTIONS STARTED.

THE CERVIX ISN'T OPENING, AND THE MOTHER IS EXHAUSTED.

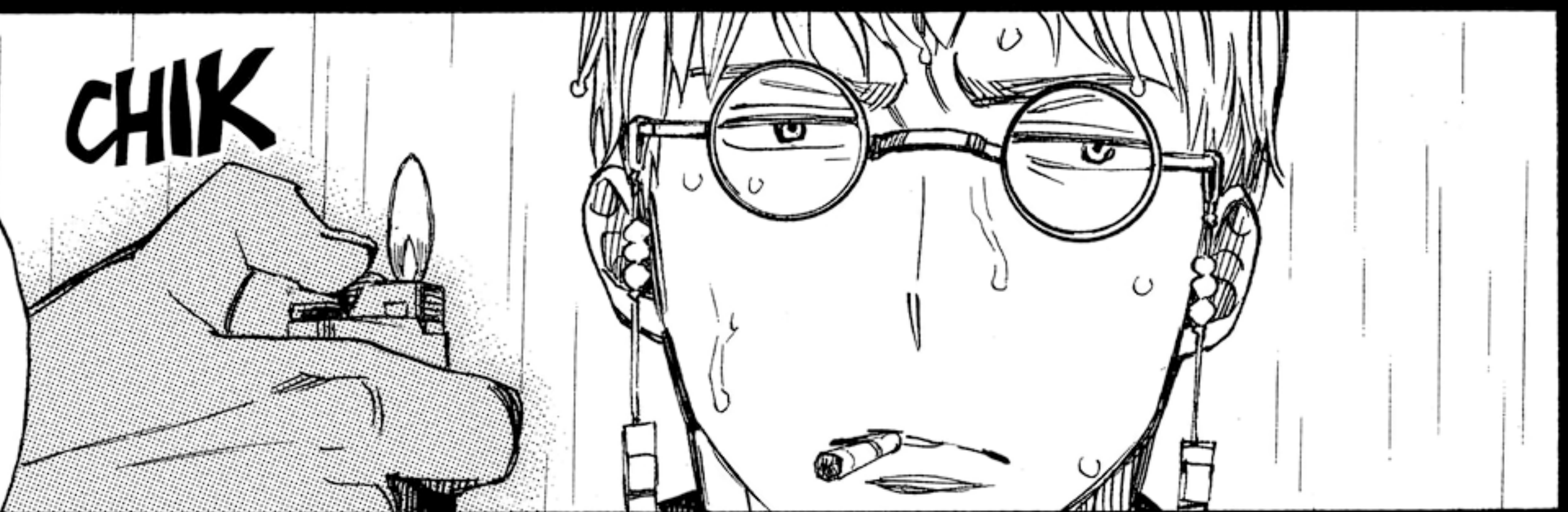
SHE'LL DIE BEFORE THE BABIES ARE BORN.

THEN THE BARRIER WILL DISAPPEAR.

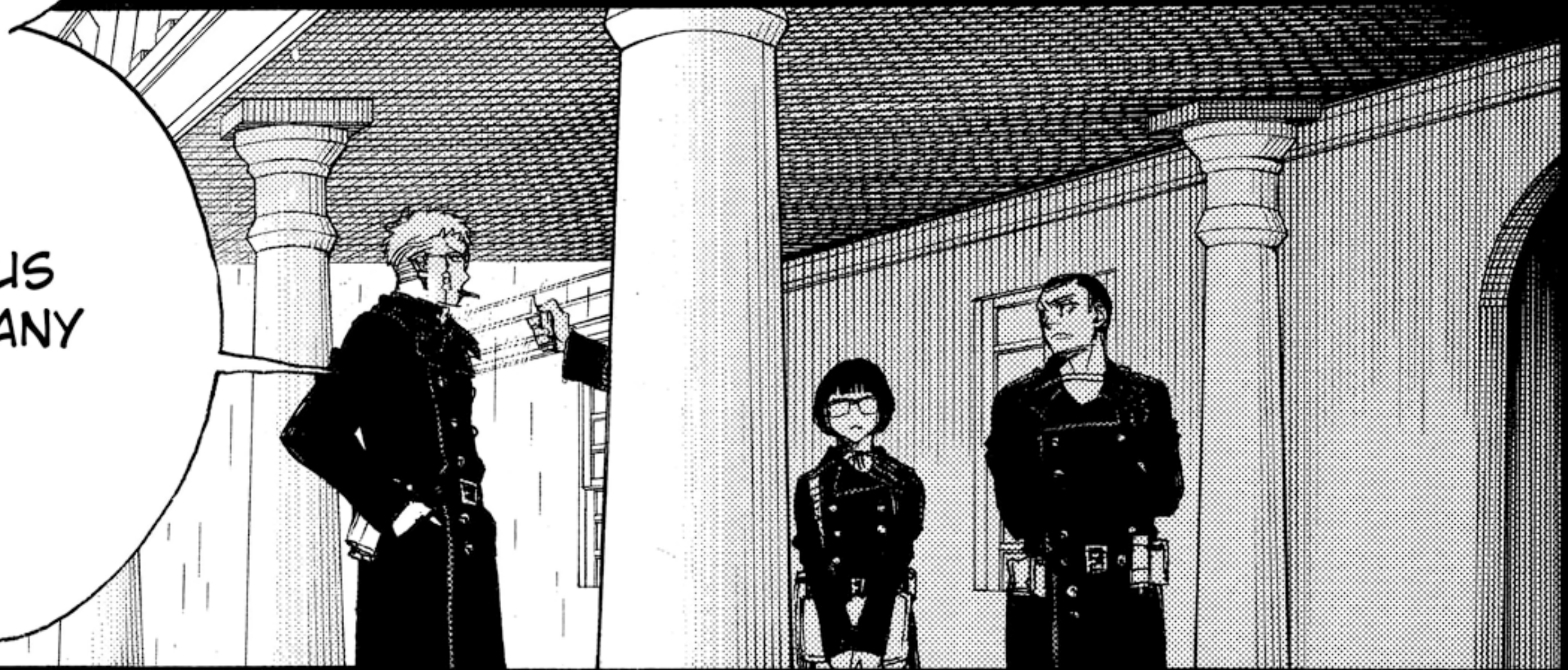




FATHER
FUJIMOTO...



...ALLOW US
TO ACCOMPANY
YOU.



WHY ARE
YOU SO
EAGER?



I'LL
COVER
YOU!

I AM A
DEACON.

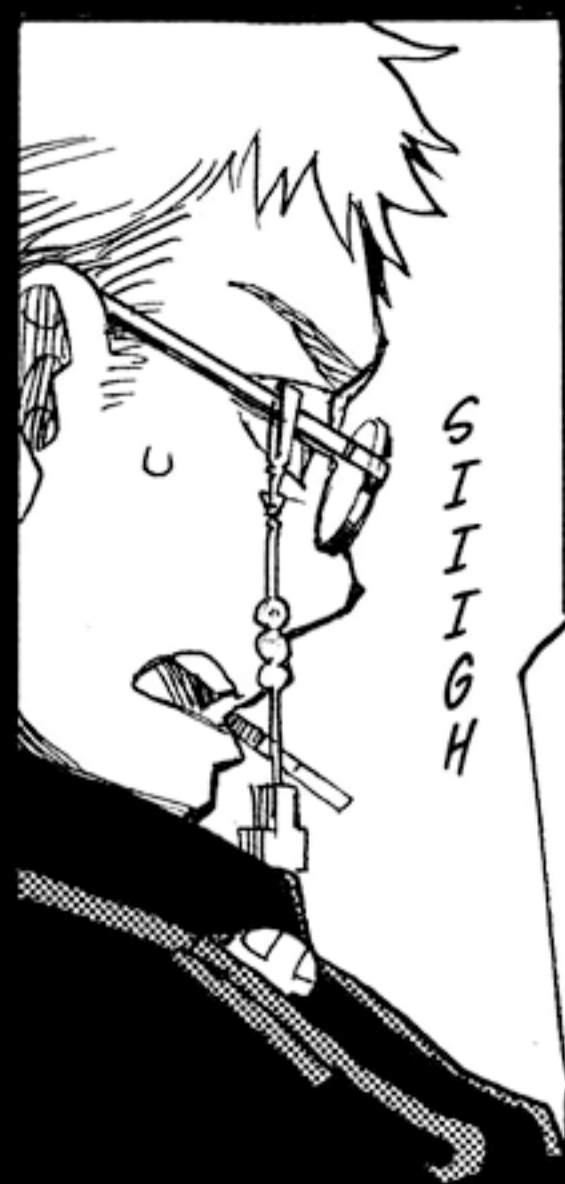
I CAN
HELP
WITH A
POWERFUL
RITUAL.



DO YOU
HAVE A
DEATH
WISH?

PEOPLE ARE
GONNA DIE IN
THIS FIGHT,
SO THERE
AREN'T MANY
VOLUNTEERS.

THEN
YOU NEED
US!



I WANT TO
LEARN FROM
YOU!

I WANT
TO BE
STRONG!

I TOOK A
LIFELONG
VOW TO THE
TRUE CROSS
CHURCH.

SO I
SHOULD
SERVE A
PRIEST LIKE
YOU!



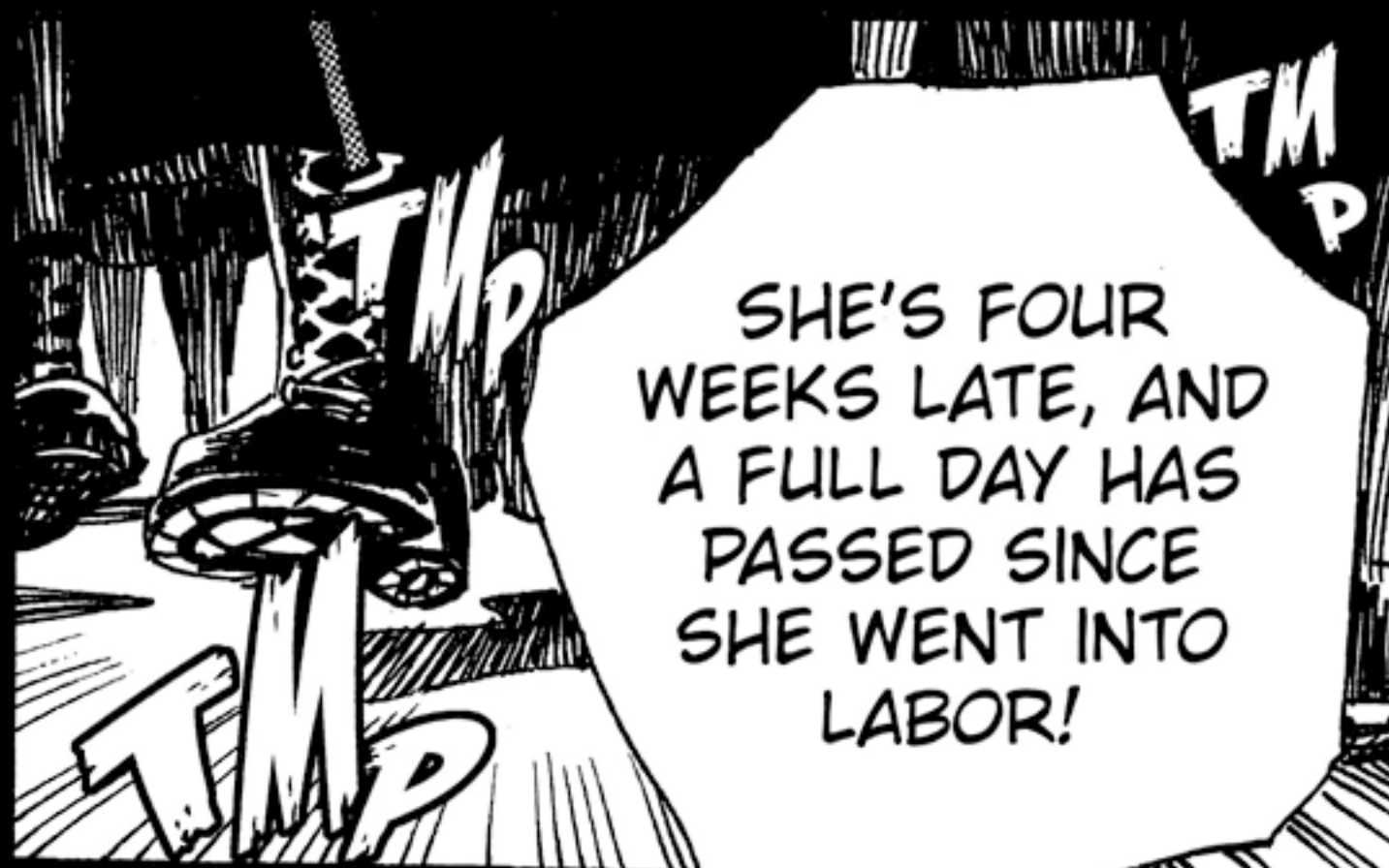
I WON'T
TURN
YOU
AWAY.

I'M
SHORT-
HANDED.

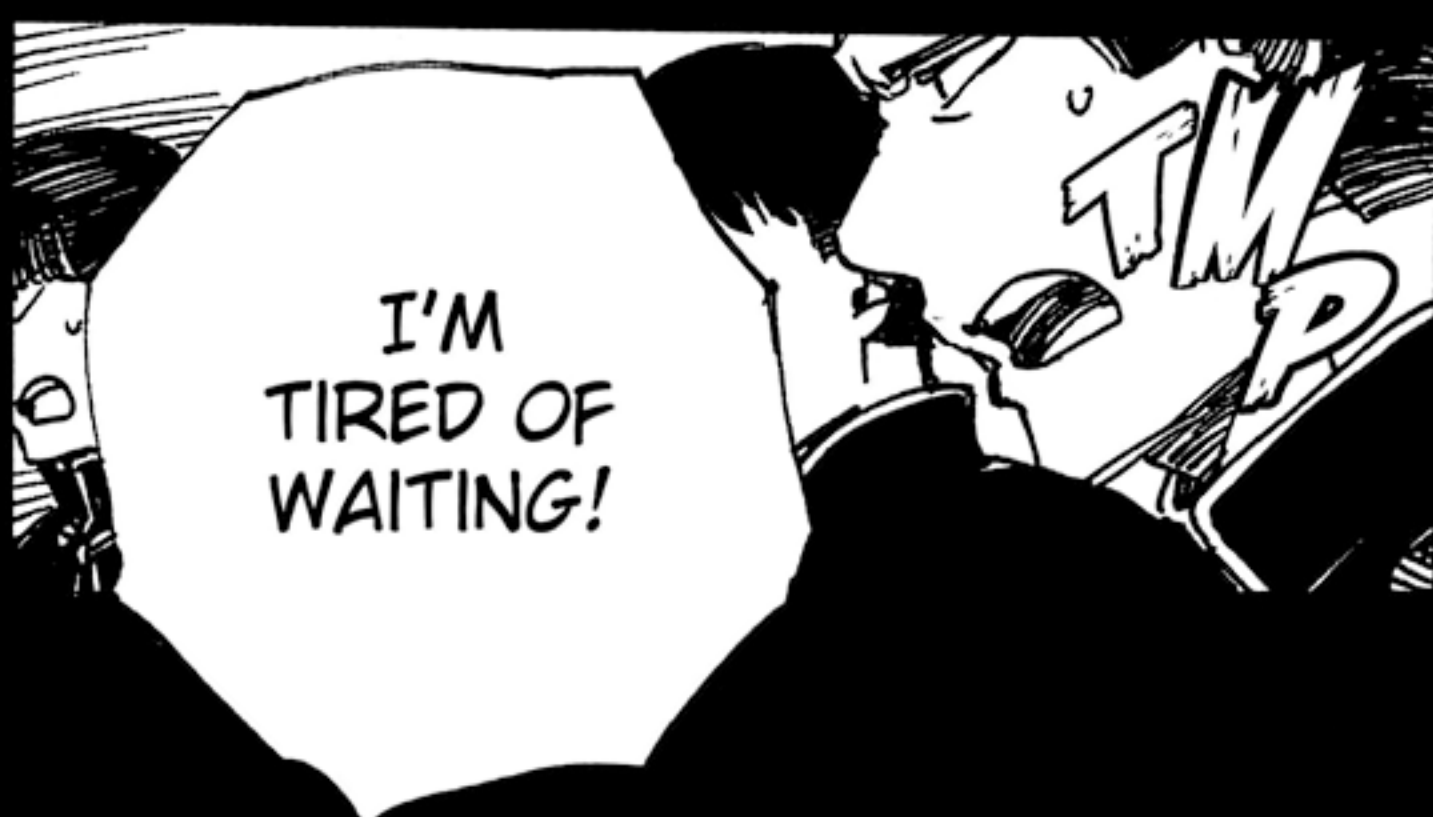
DO AS
YOU
PLEASE.

Y...

YES,
SIR!!



SHE'S FOUR
WEEKS LATE, AND
A FULL DAY HAS
PASSED SINCE
SHE WENT INTO
LABOR!

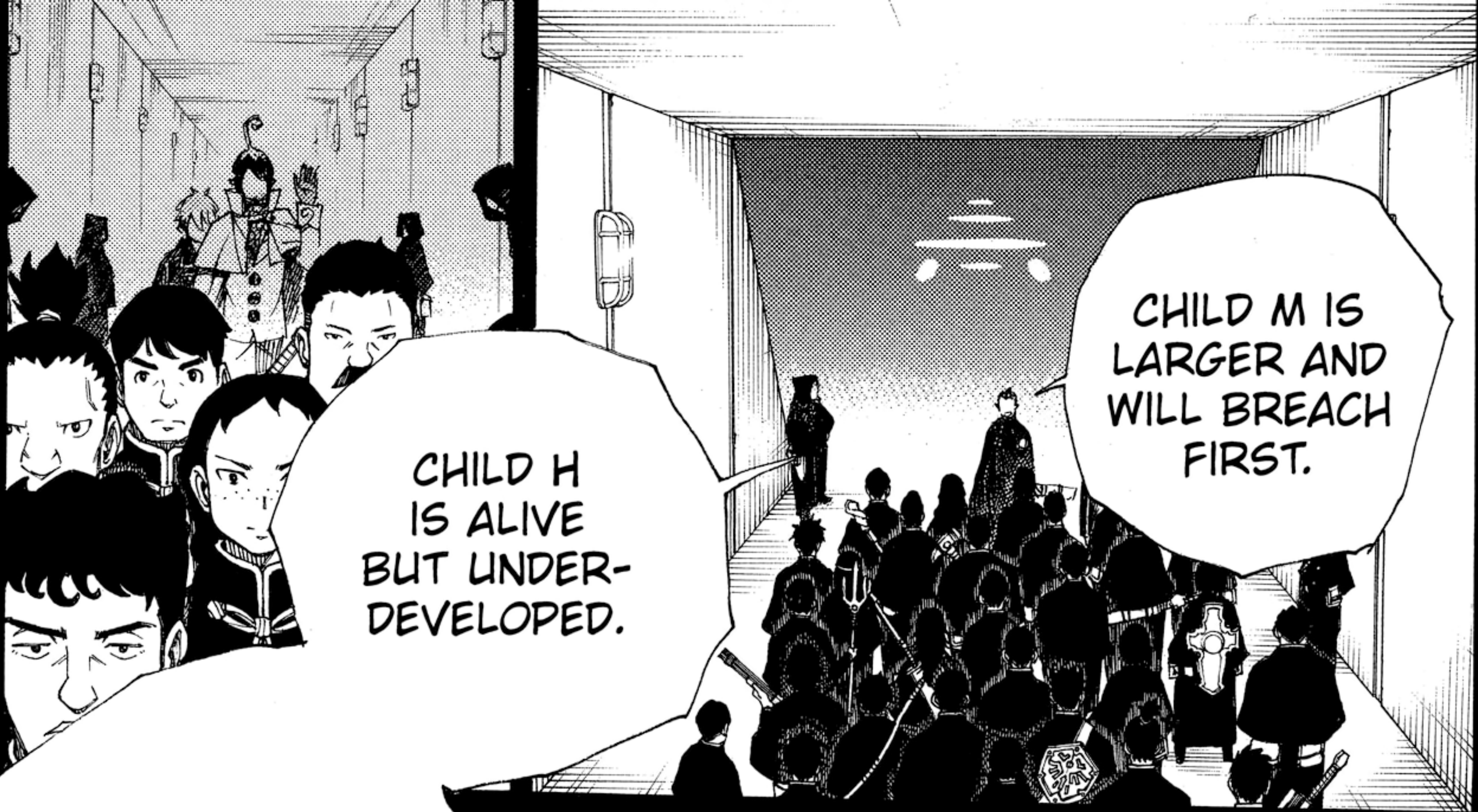


I'M
TIRED OF
WAITING!



HER WATER
BROKE!

AND HER
CERVIX HAS
FULLY
DILATED!!



CHILD H
IS ALIVE
BUT UNDER-
DEVELOPED.

CHILD M IS
LARGER AND
WILL BREACH
FIRST.

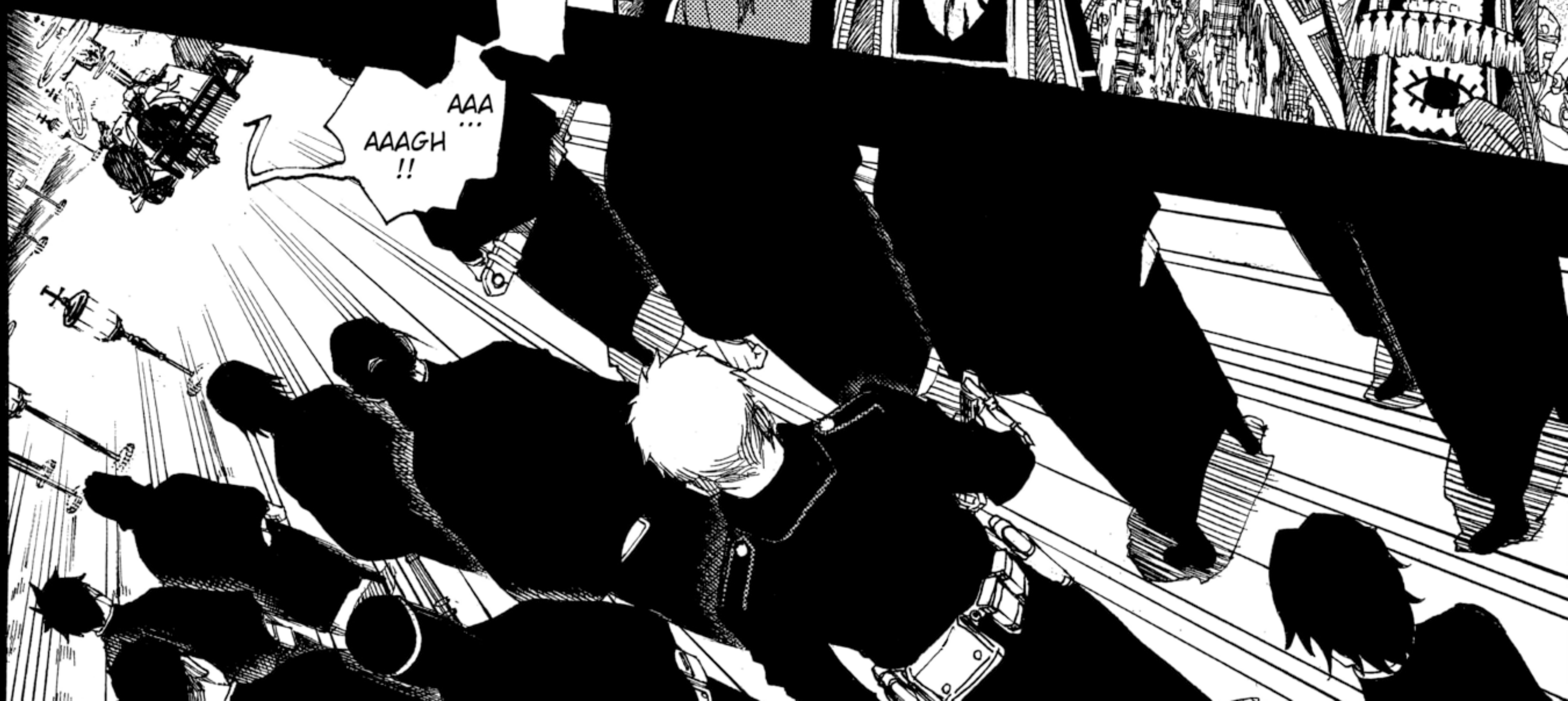
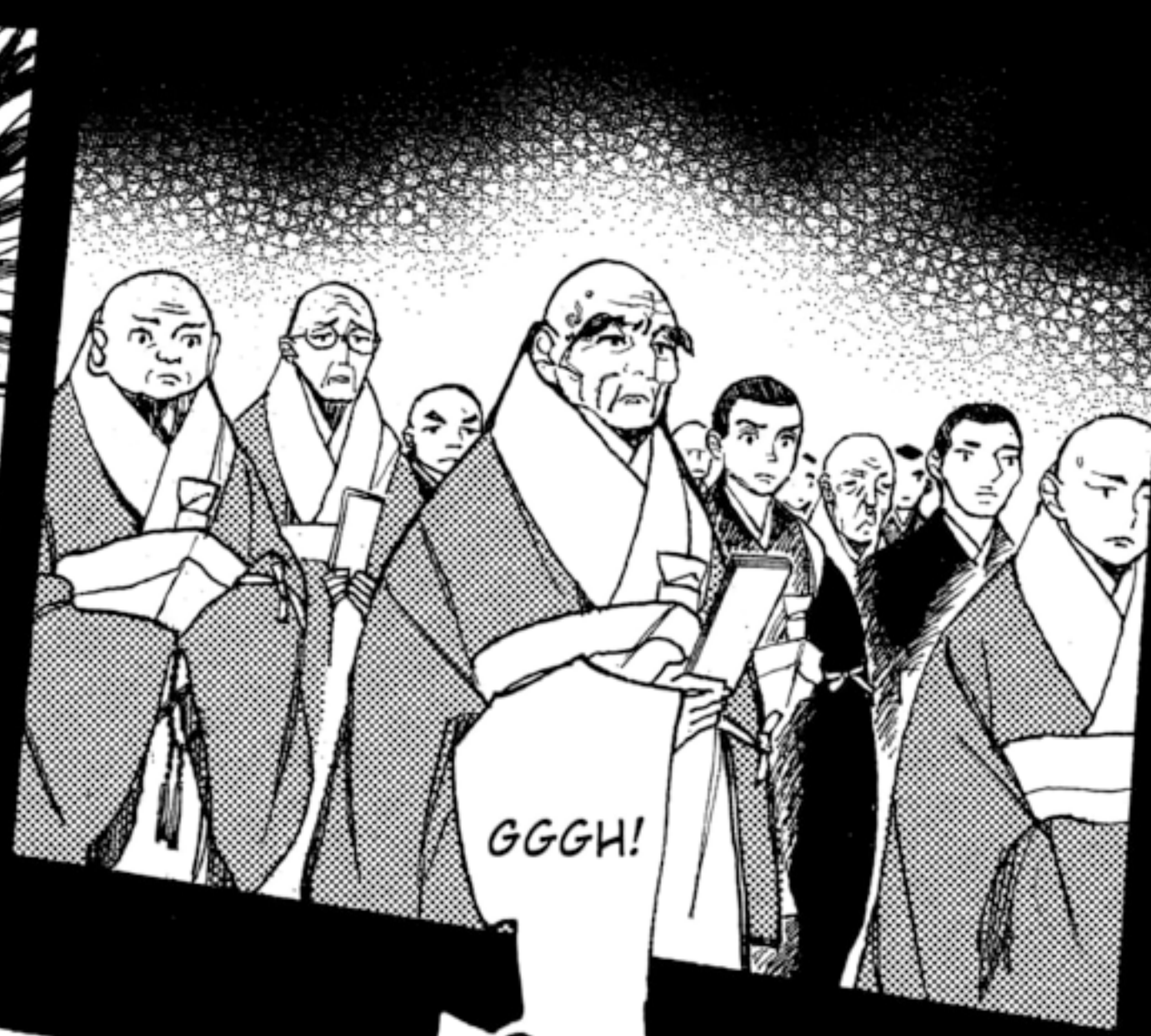
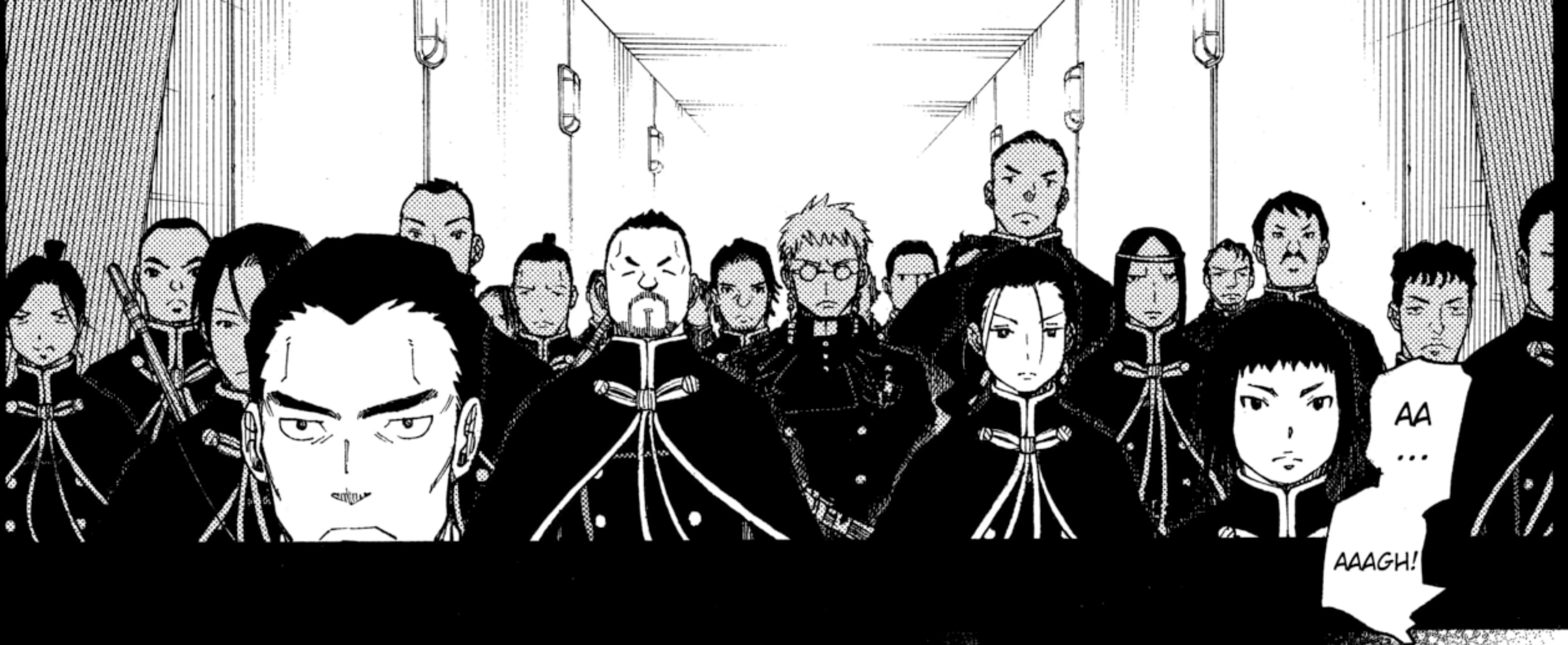
THE MOTHER IS
WEAK AND MAY
BE UNABLE TO
BIRTH CHILD H.

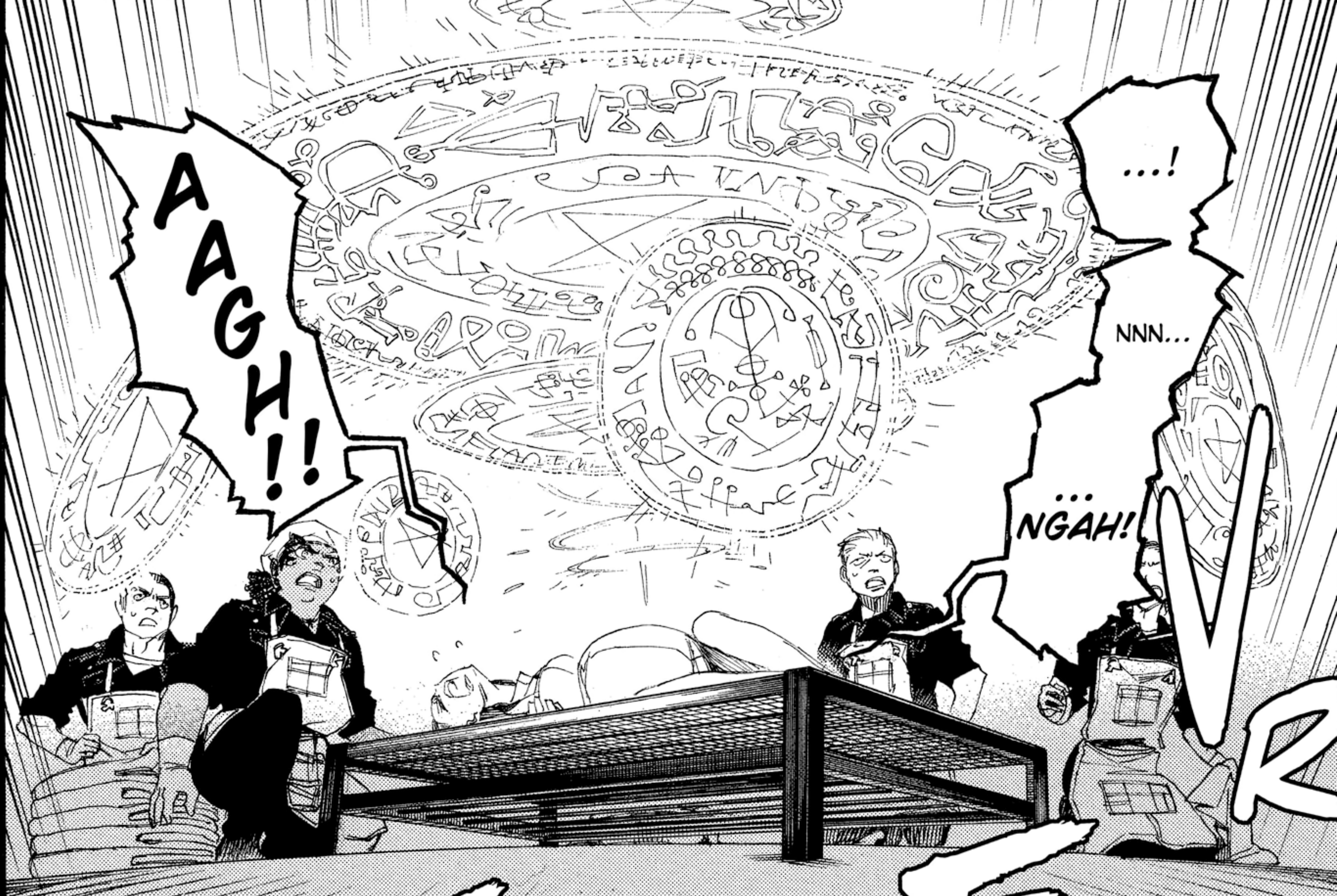
**BEWARE
OF CHILD M!**

ANYTHING
COULD
HAPPEN...

**COMMENCE
OPERATION BLUE
LIGHTNING!!**

...SO BE
PREPARED!





DEPLOYING...

...EXORCISM
MUSICAL
FORM!!!!



...WHO
BEARS THE
THUNDER
MOTHER'S
VOICE...

BOOM

I AM A
THUNDER
DEITY...

THE
GAYATRI
MANTRA!

ALL-KNOWING
AND ALL-
POWERFUL IN
HEAVEN...

CHRRING

BOOM

BOOM

GO

CHRRING

HUFF

HUFF

HNNGGH ...

AAA ...

AAA ...

AAAGH!

LISTEN TO ME!

WE CANNOT TAKE MEDICAL ACTION BECAUSE OF THE CURSE!

YOU HAVE TO DO THIS ON YOUR OWN!!

AFTER YOU GIVE BIRTH, WE'LL CUT THE UMBILICAL CORD AND WE CAN PROTECT YOU THEN...

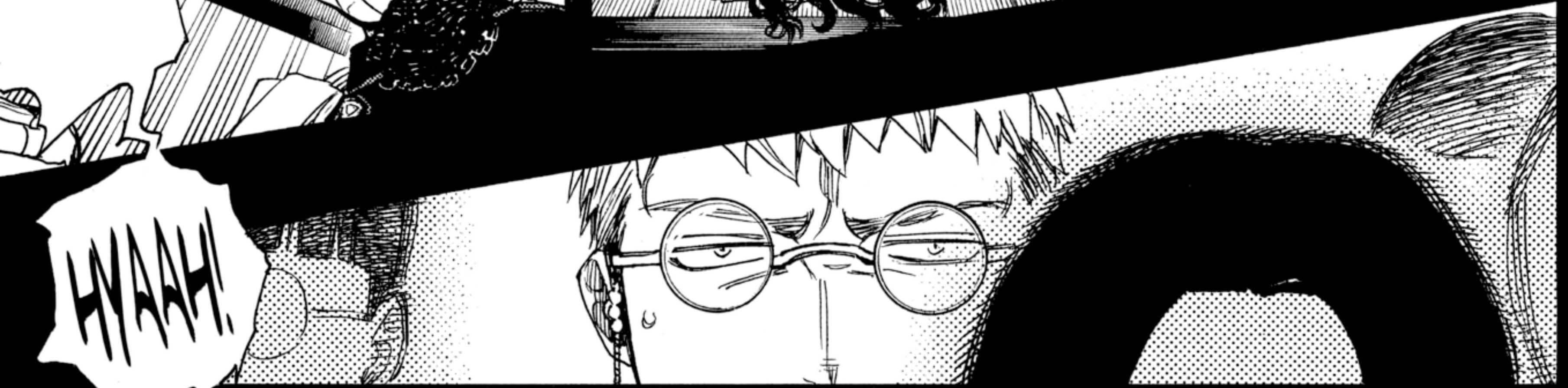
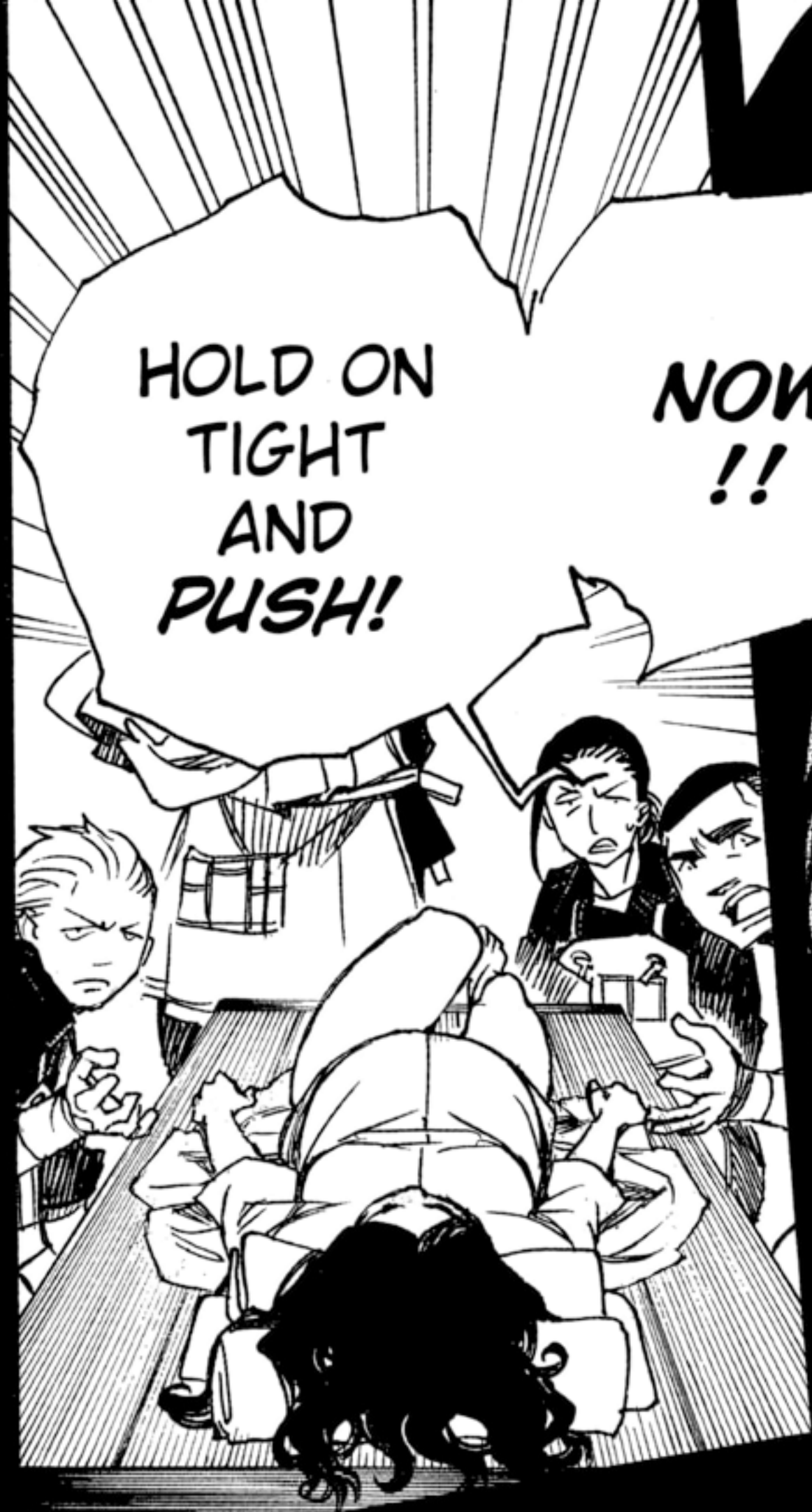
...BUT THEY ARE GOING TO EXORCISE YOUR CHILDREN.

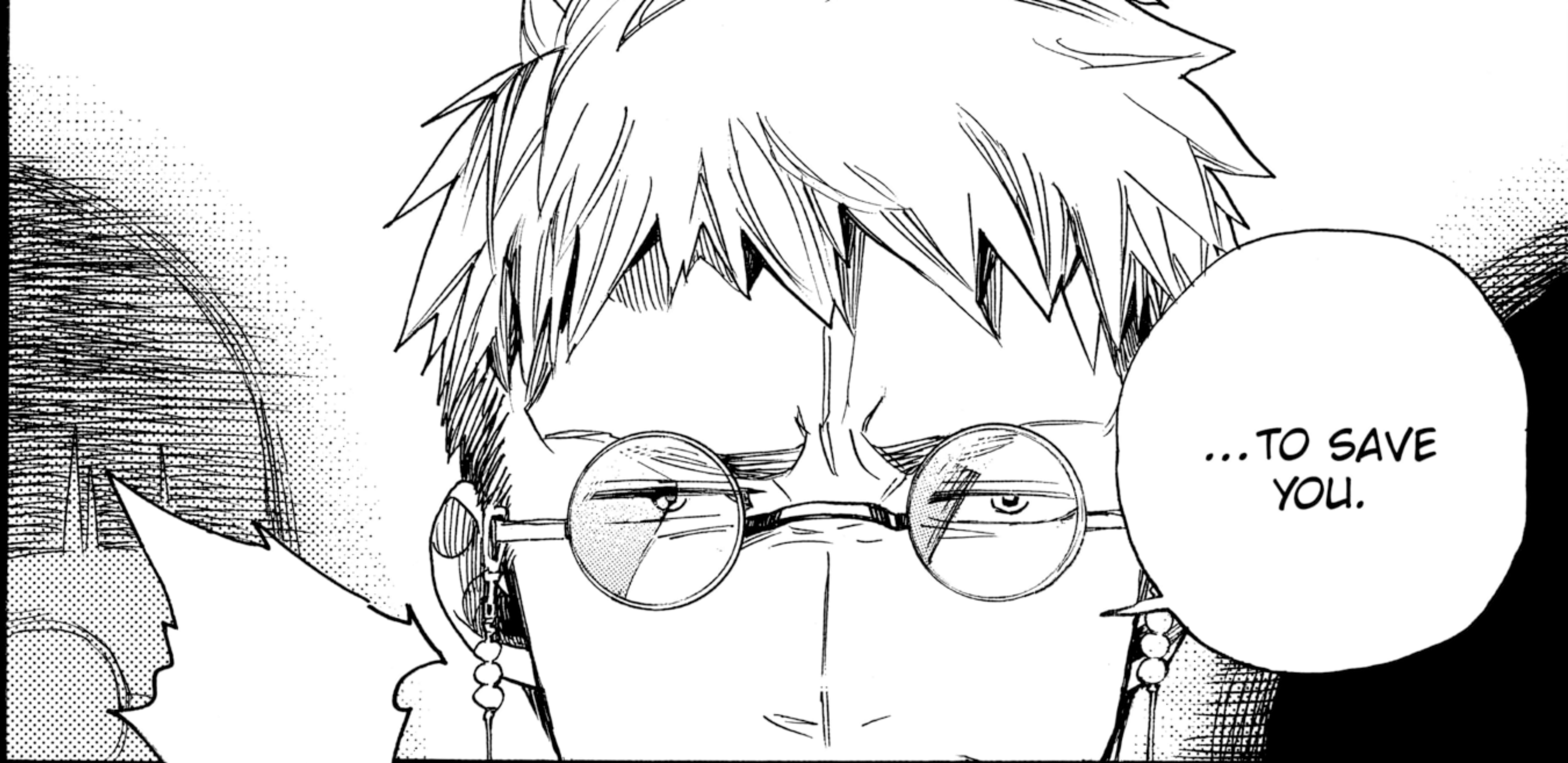
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

ICE!

HUFF

HUFF





...TO SAVE
YOU.

...
NNINGH
!!!



UUU...

AAA
...

AAGH
!!!

ITCI
ITCI

ITCI
ITCI

ITCI

NOW
KEEP IT
UP!!

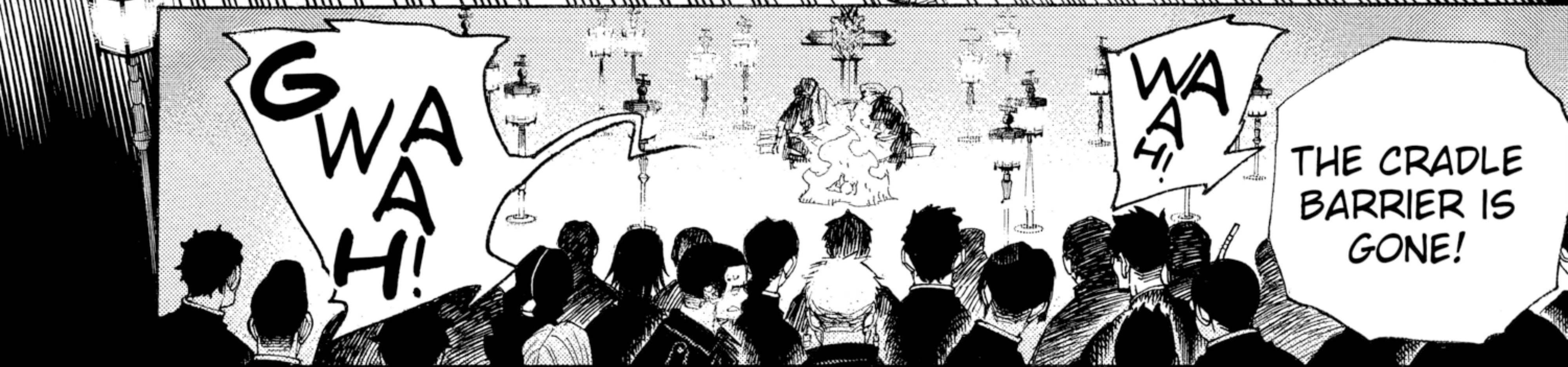
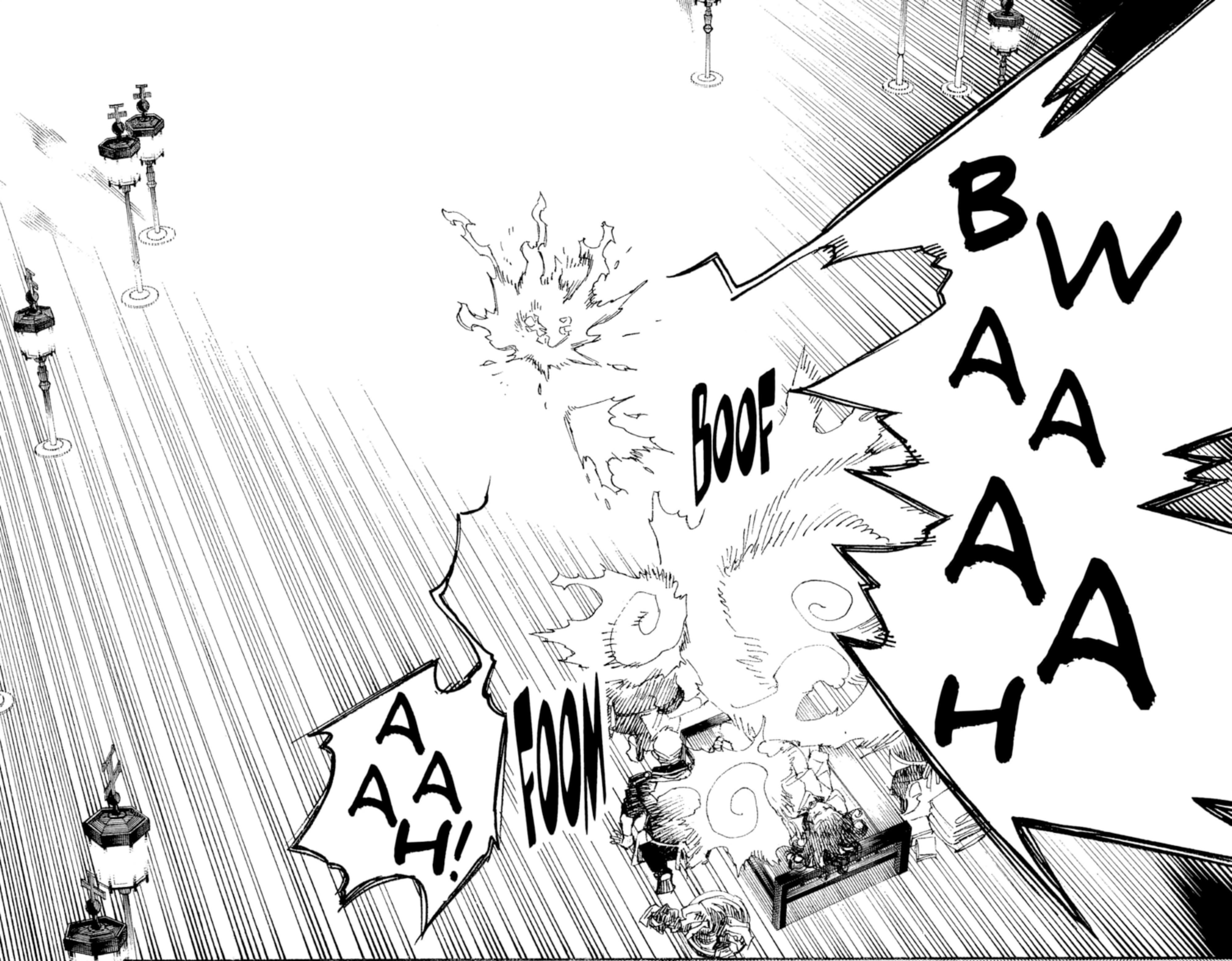
GOOD!

YOU'RE
DOING
GOOD!

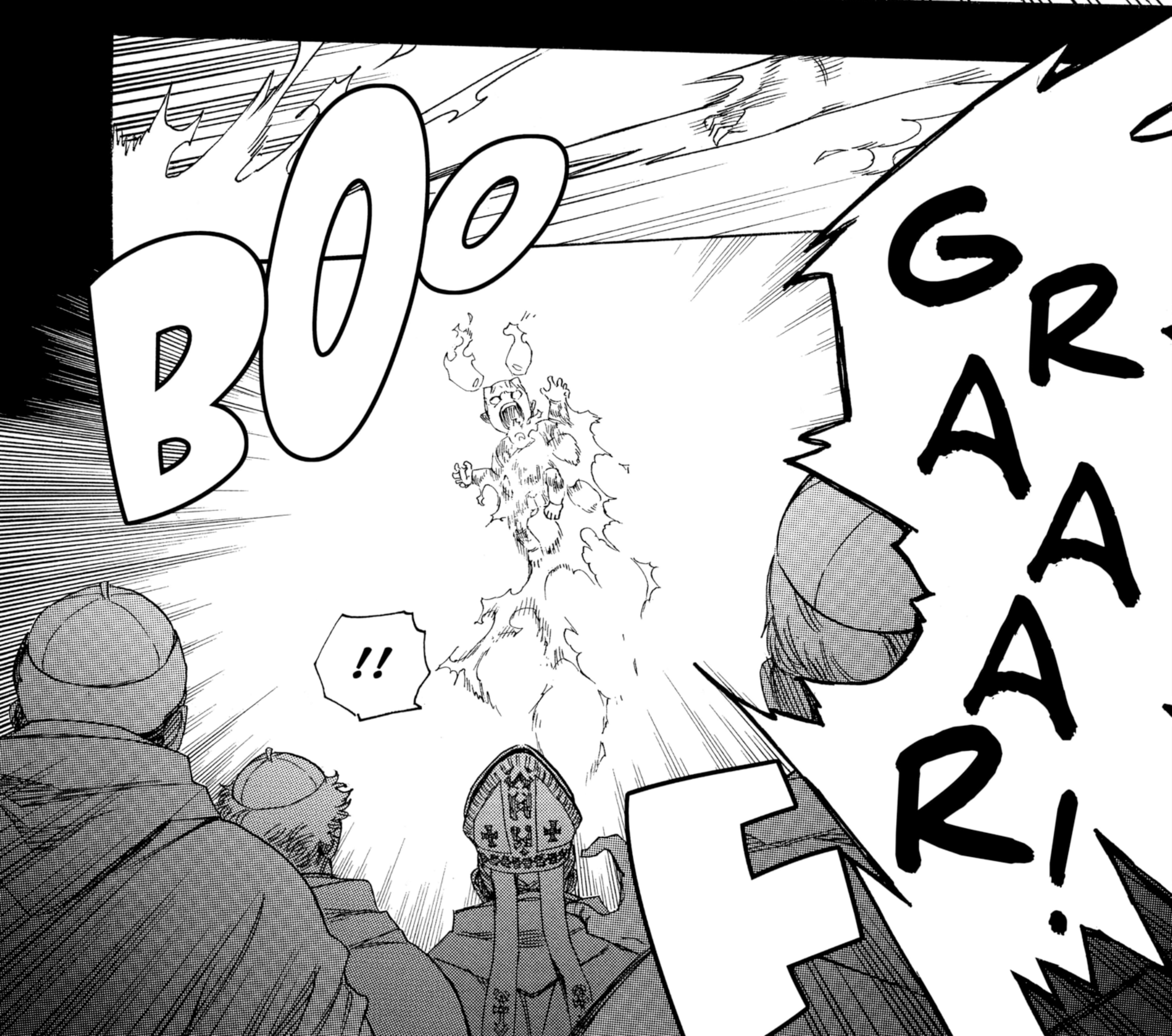
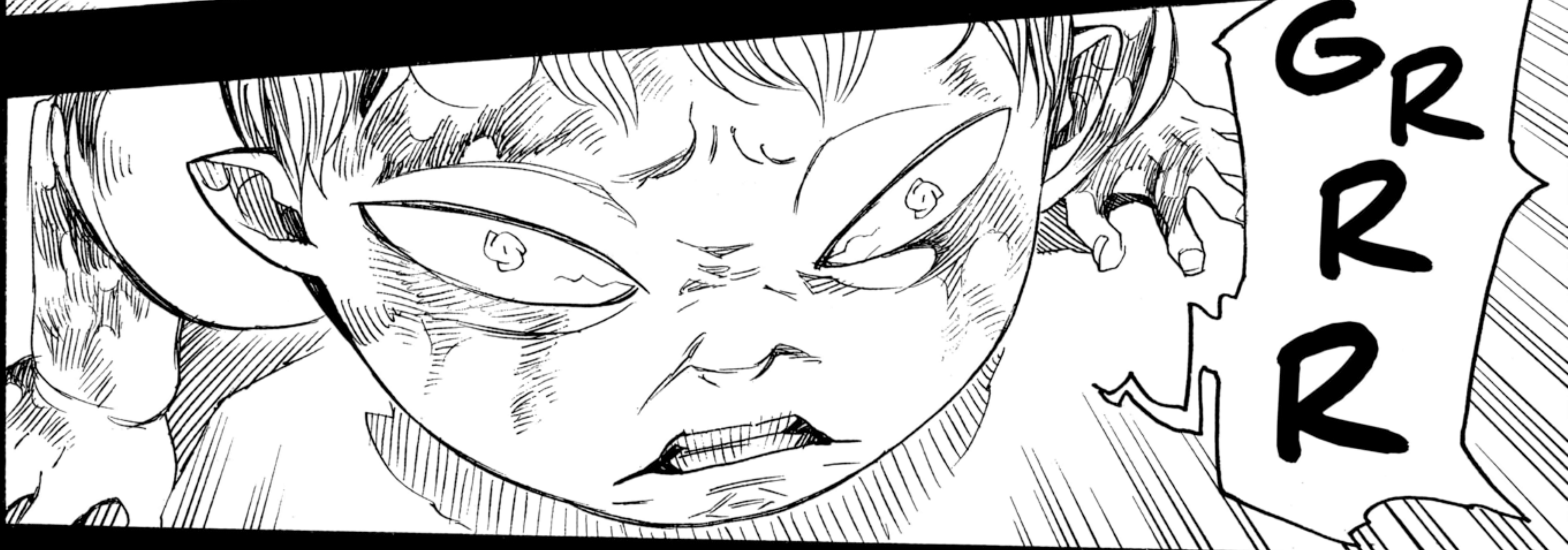
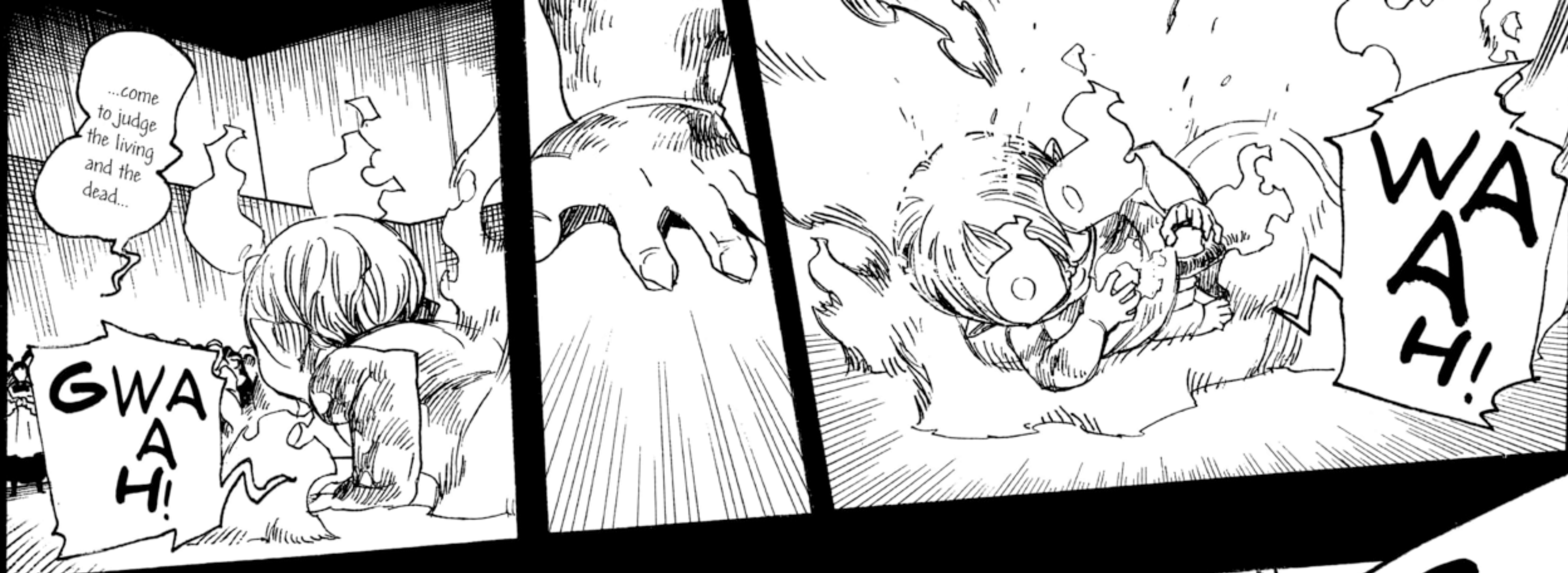


**ONE
MORE
TIME!!**











W...

WAAH!

GYAAAAH!

BWUSH

GR
AA
AR!

GR
AA
RR!

RUN!

BWUSH





**FALL
BACK!!**



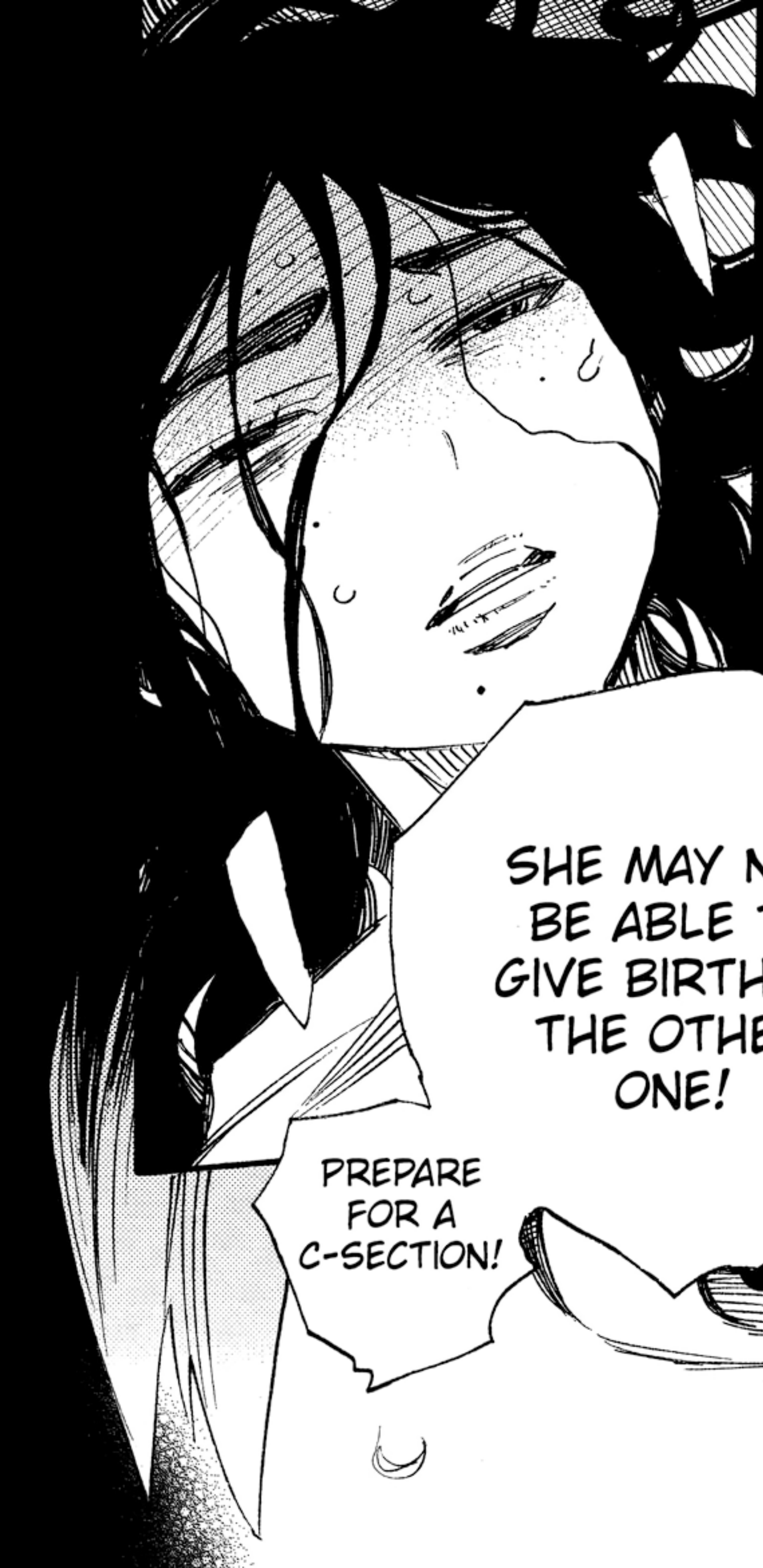
THIS IS
BAD...



HUFF

HUFF

WHOA...



SHE MAY NOT
BE ABLE TO
GIVE BIRTH TO
THE OTHER
ONE!

PREPARE
FOR A
C-SECTION!



THE
MOTHER'S
LIFE IS IN
DANGER!

PLEASE
STOP...



I WAS
AFRAID
OF THIS.



I WAS
TERRIFIED.

I WAS
AFRAID OF
LEARNING
THIS.

I
WANTED
TO FACE
IT, BUT...

I
KNEW
IT.

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
WAVER.

*I NEVER
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
BORN.*





...HAD
NEVER
COME INTO
THIS
WORLD...



IF I...



IF I...



...DIDN'T
EXIST...

...IF I'D
NEVER
BEEN
BORN.

IT
WOULD BE
BETTER...

HEH HEH
HEH...

HEH HEH
HEH...



FINALLY...

**HEE
HEE
HEE!**

**MY
TIME
HAS
COME!**

**AH
HA
HA
HA
HA!**

BMP

HUH?







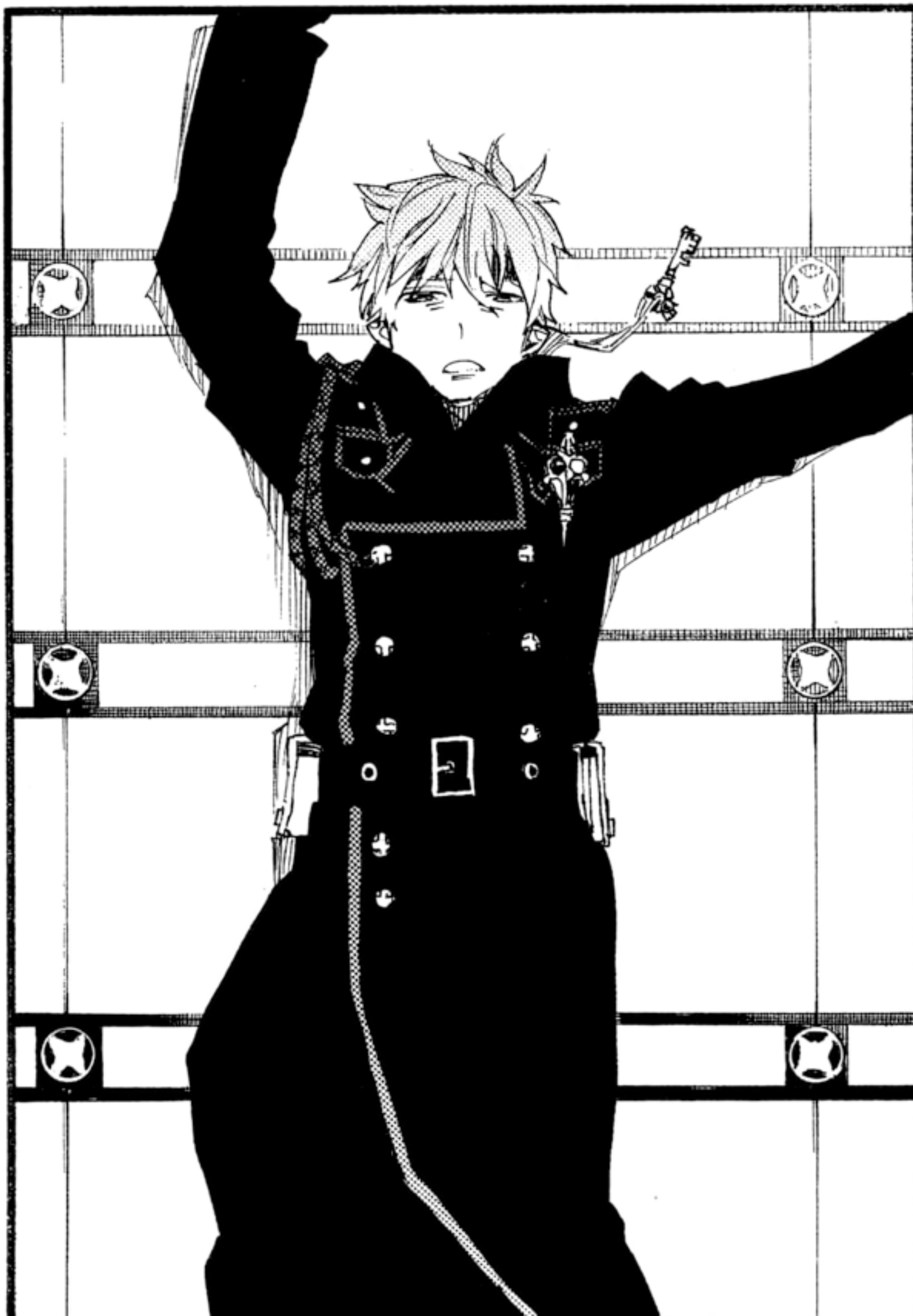
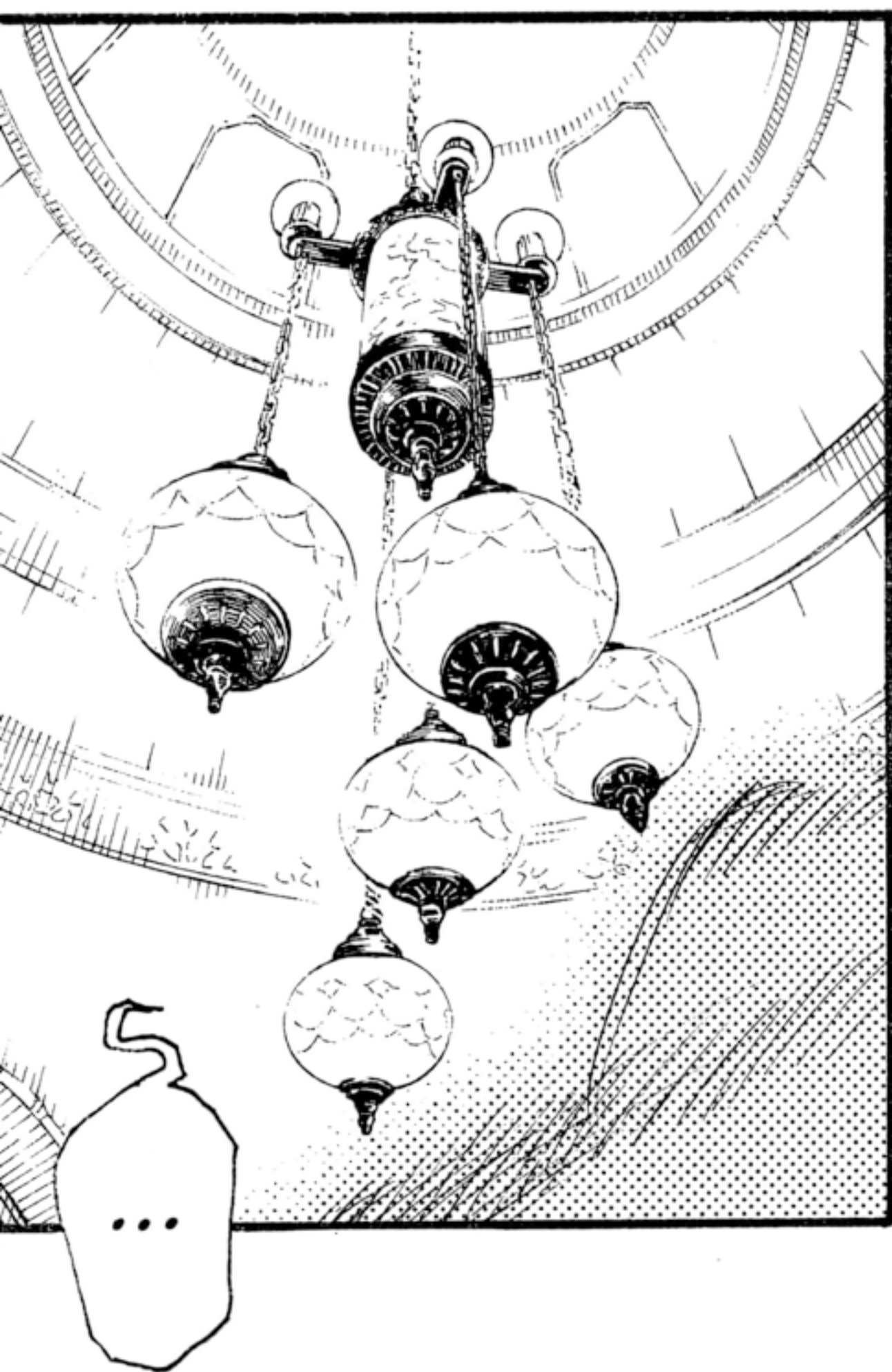
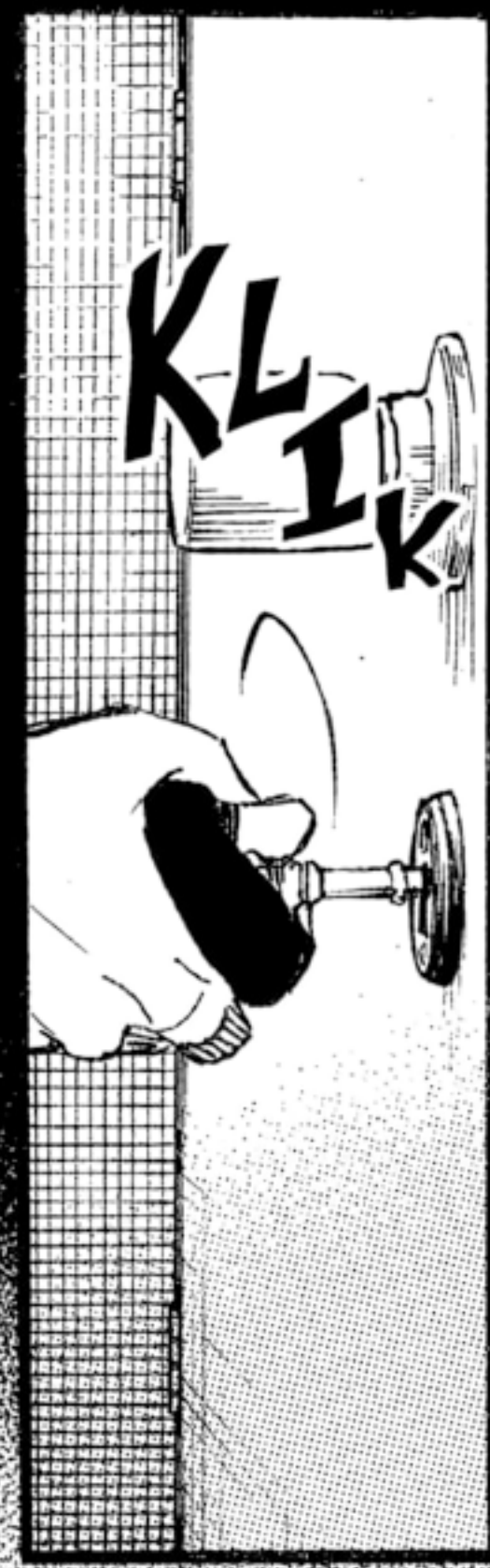
GOOD THING IT
HAPPENED IN
THE MIDDLE OF
ALL THAT
COMMOTION.

HA
HA
HA
HOW-
EVER... ..

...WHAT YOU HAVE
ONLY VAGUELY
FEARED UNTIL
NOW HAS
APPEARED
BEFORE YOUR
EYES.

DOES IT
FEEL AS IF A
FOG HAS
CLEARED?





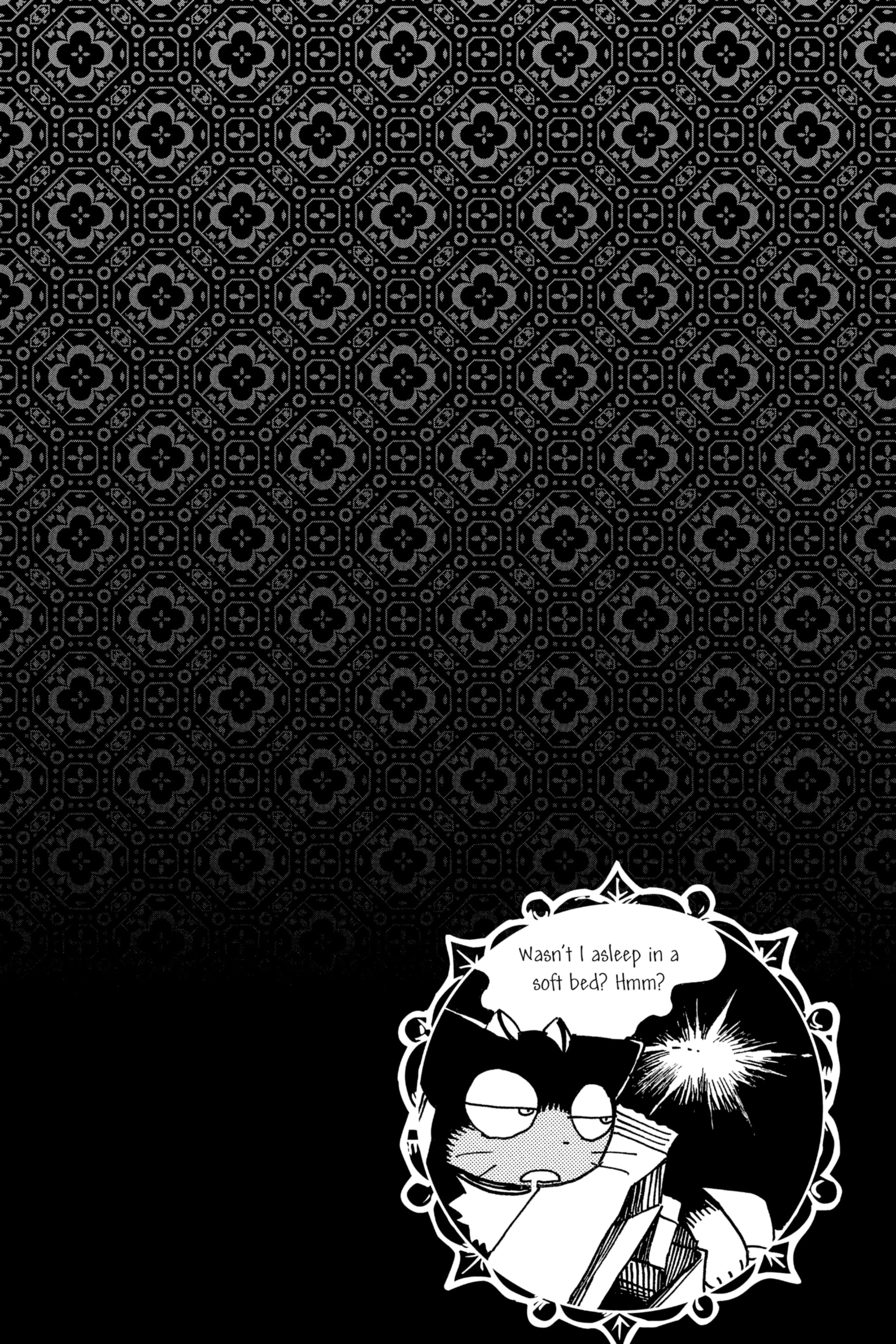




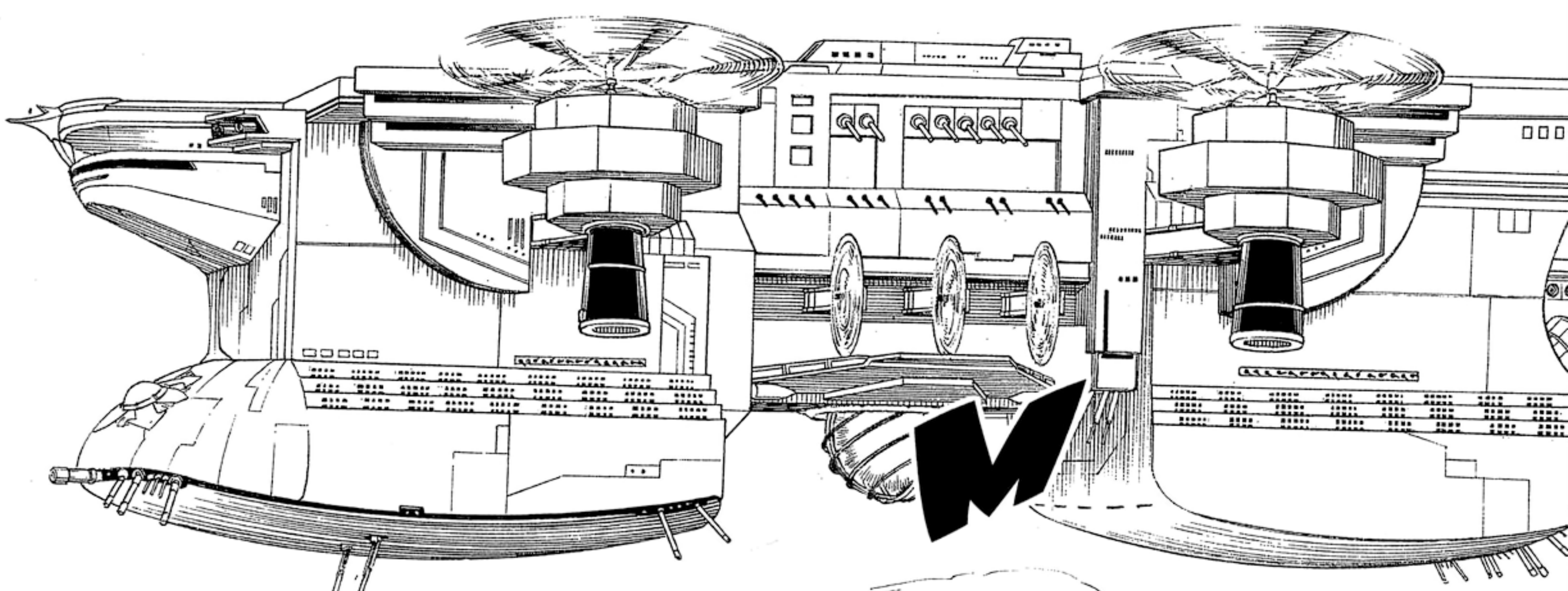




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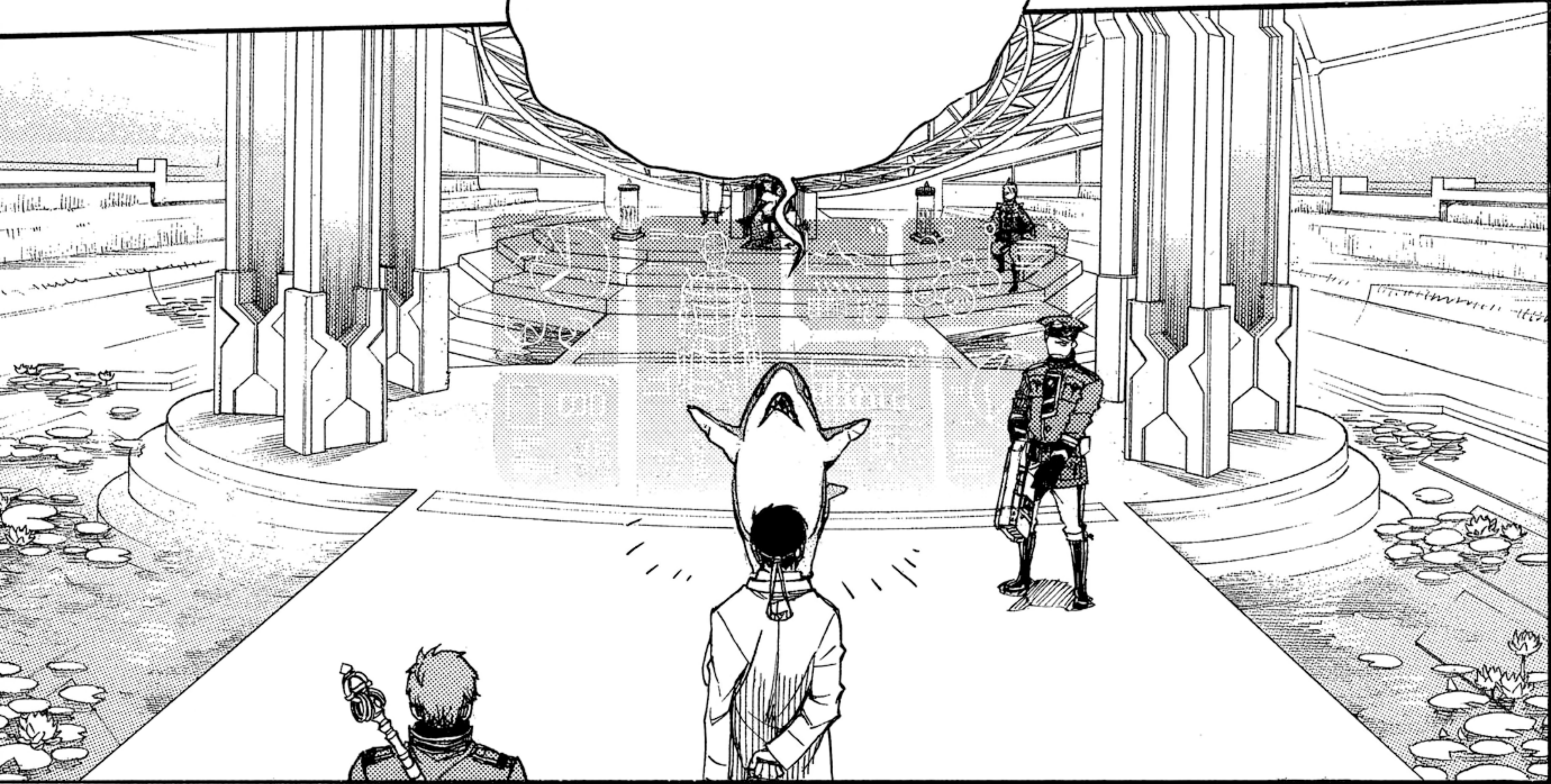


M

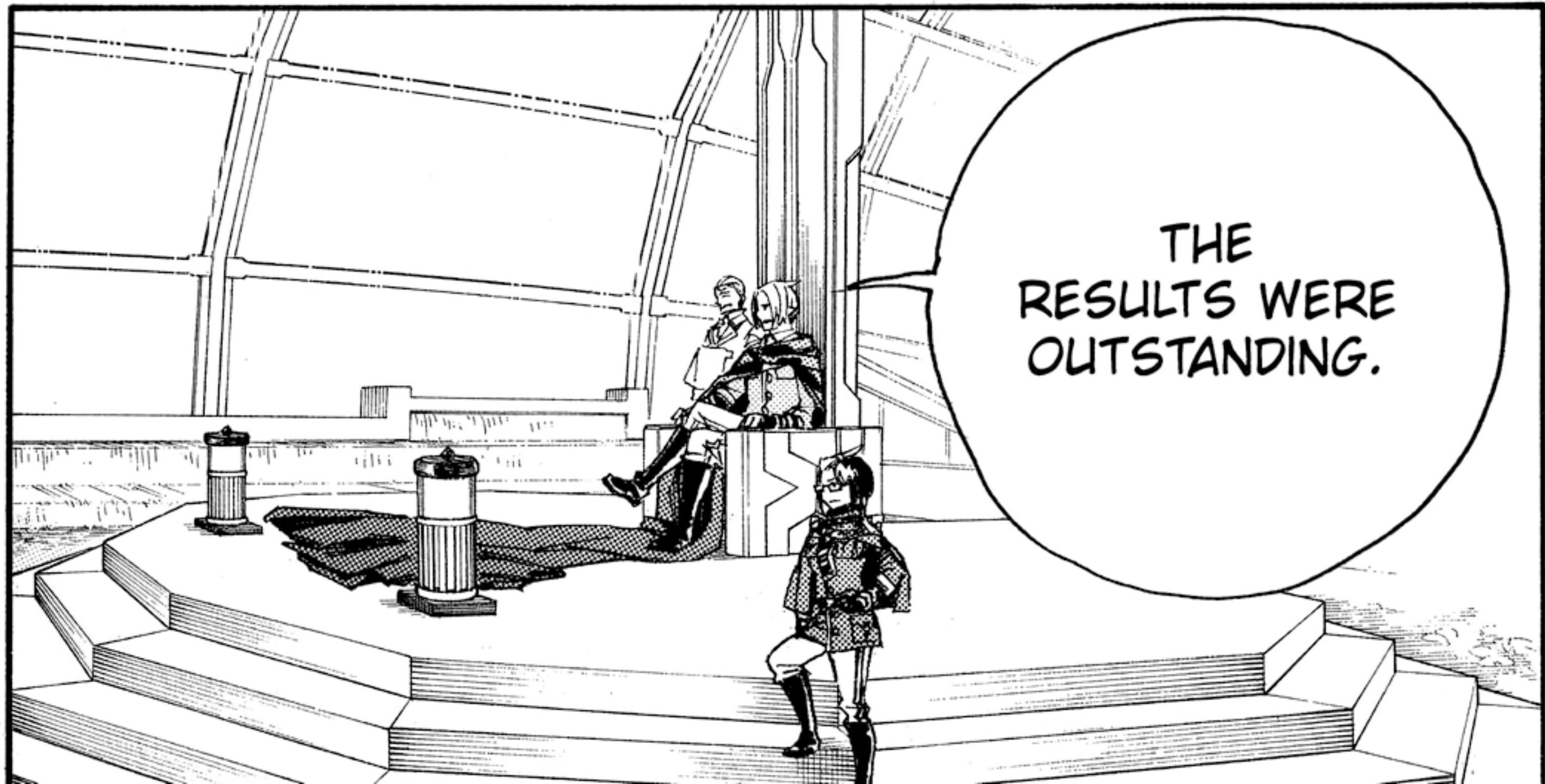


UM

WE HAVE
YOUR TEST
RESULTS!

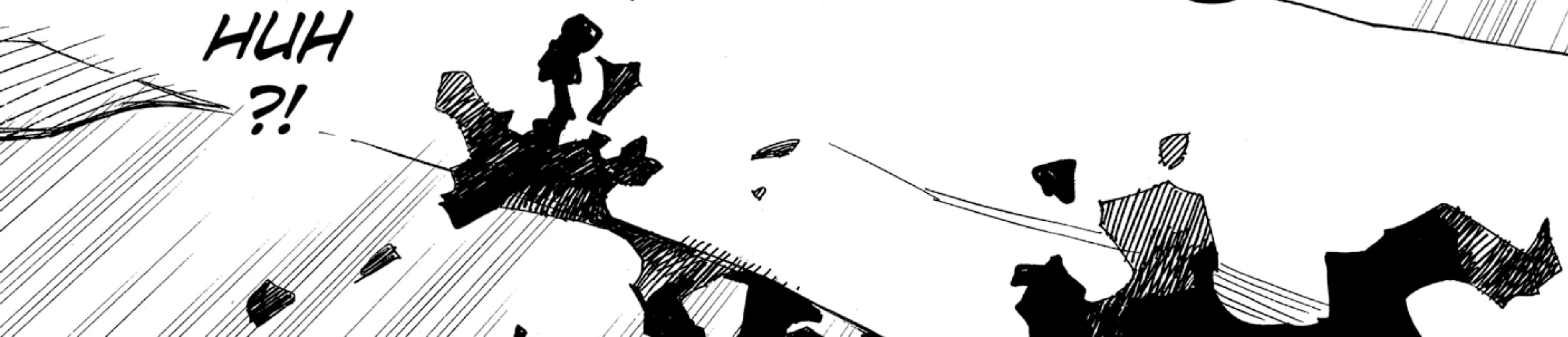


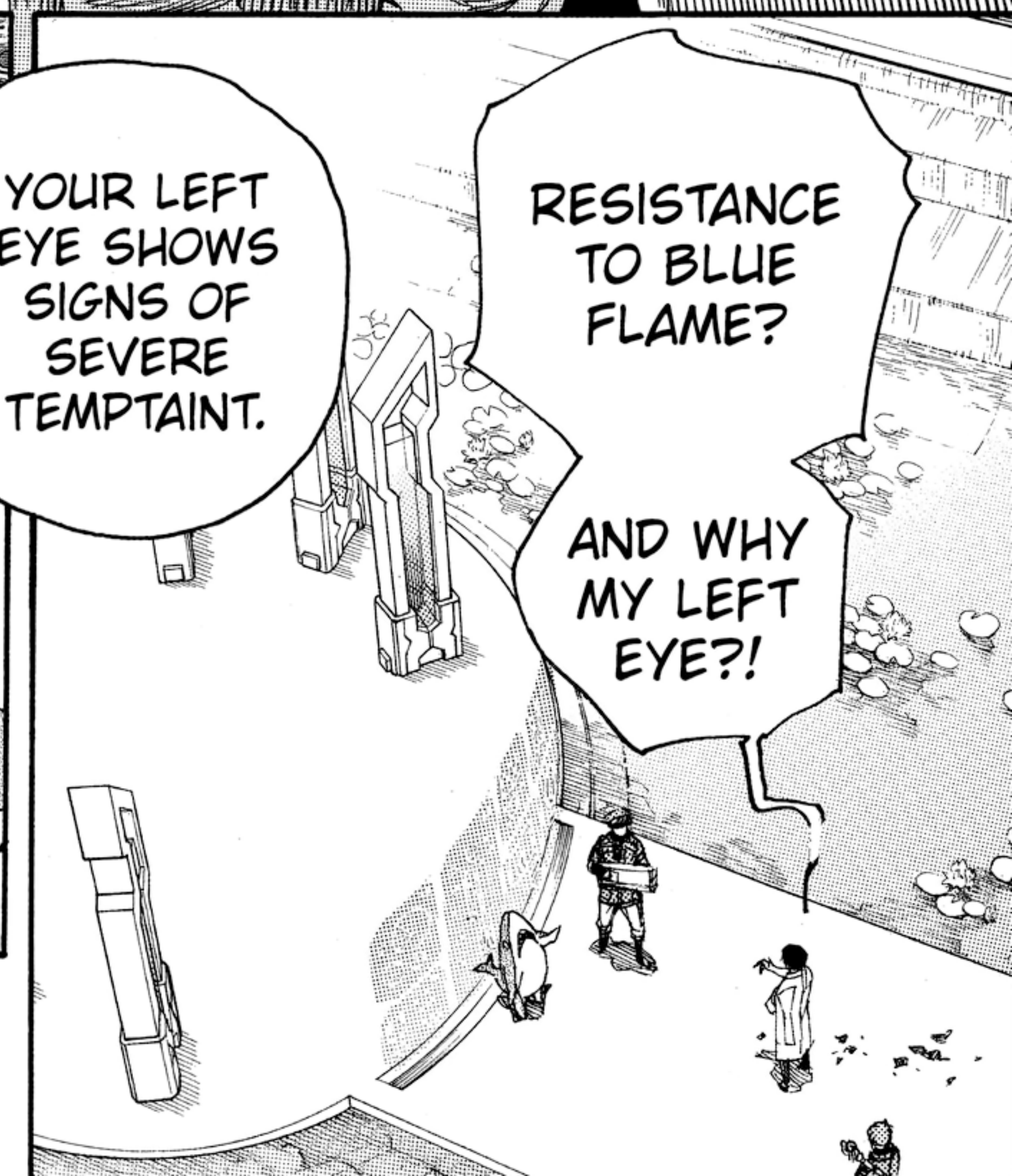
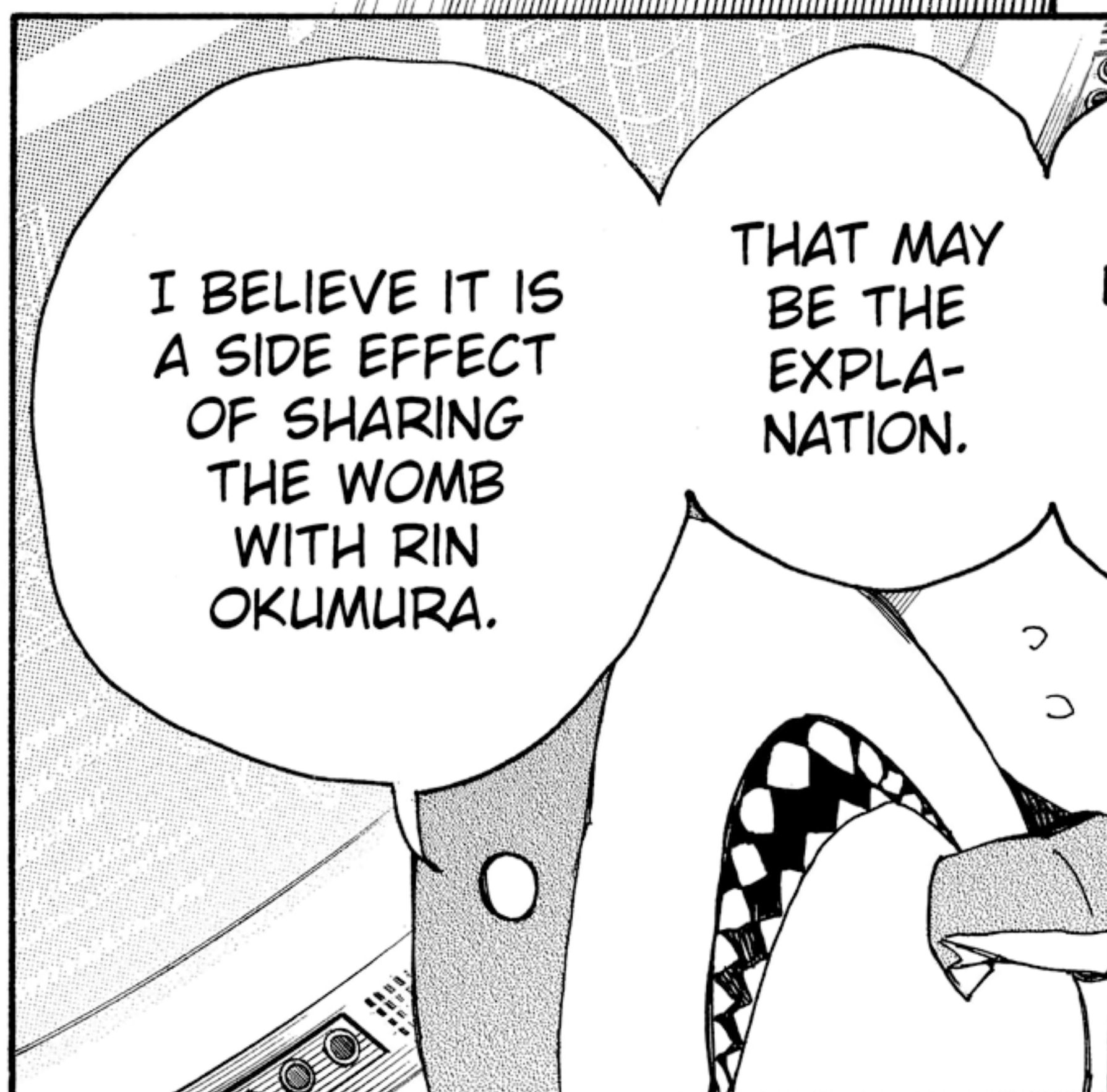
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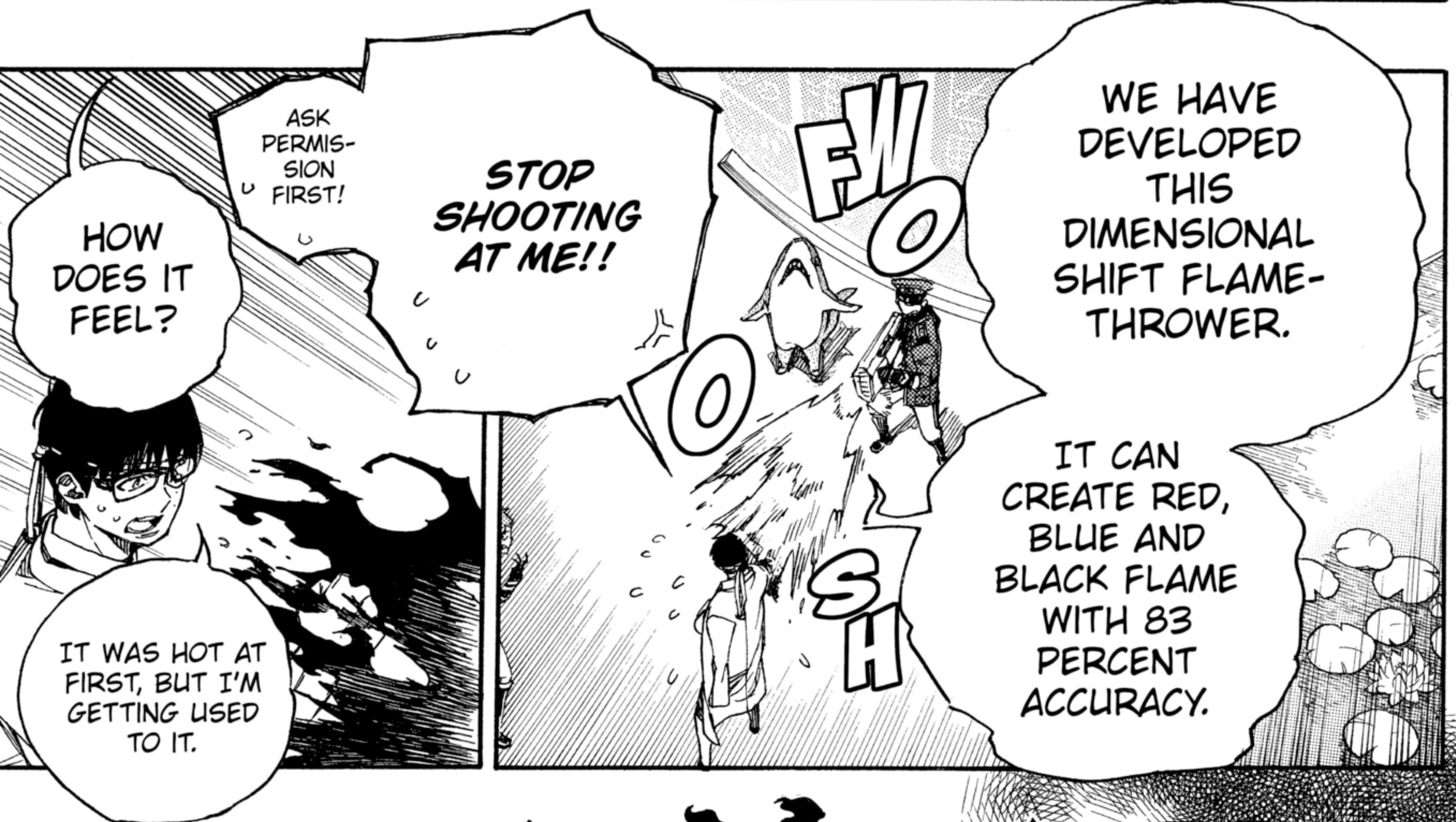


THE
RESULTS WERE
OUTSTANDING.











IN OTHER
WORDS...

...MY
BROTHER'S
BLUE FLAME
WON'T WORK!

GASP!

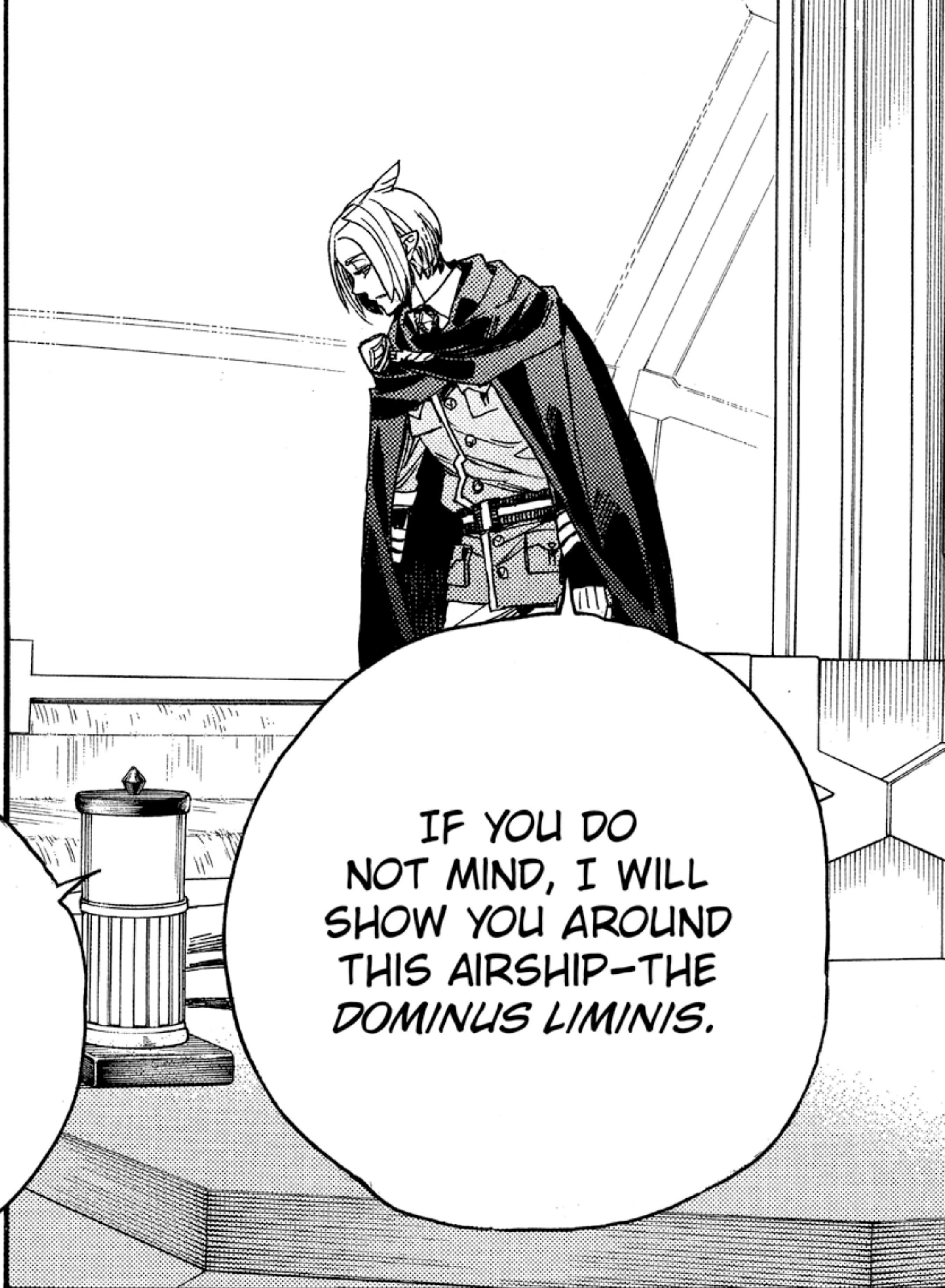
THIS ALONE
MEANS IT WAS
WORTH IT FOR
ME TO COME
HERE TO THE
ILLUMINATI!

I AM GLAD
YOU ARE
PLEASED.

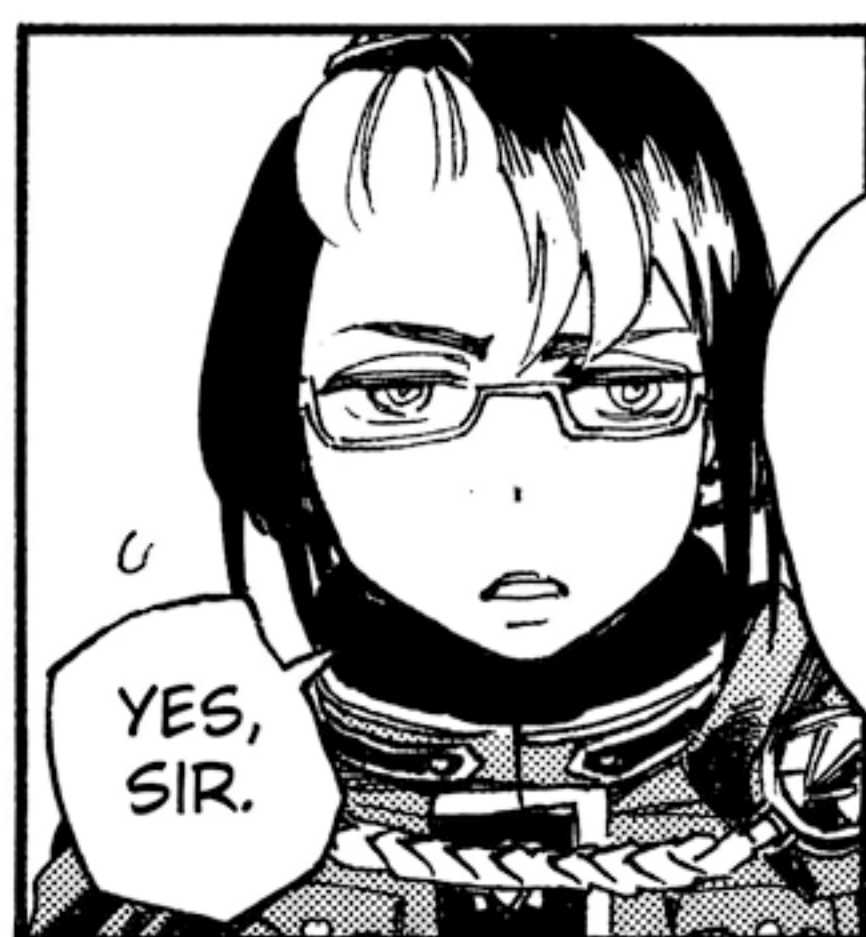
THANK YOU
FOR TELLING
ME!



I WANT TO GIVE
YOU WHAT WAS
PROMISED.



IF YOU DO
NOT MIND, I WILL
SHOW YOU AROUND
THIS AIRSHIP—THE
DOMINUS LIMINIS.



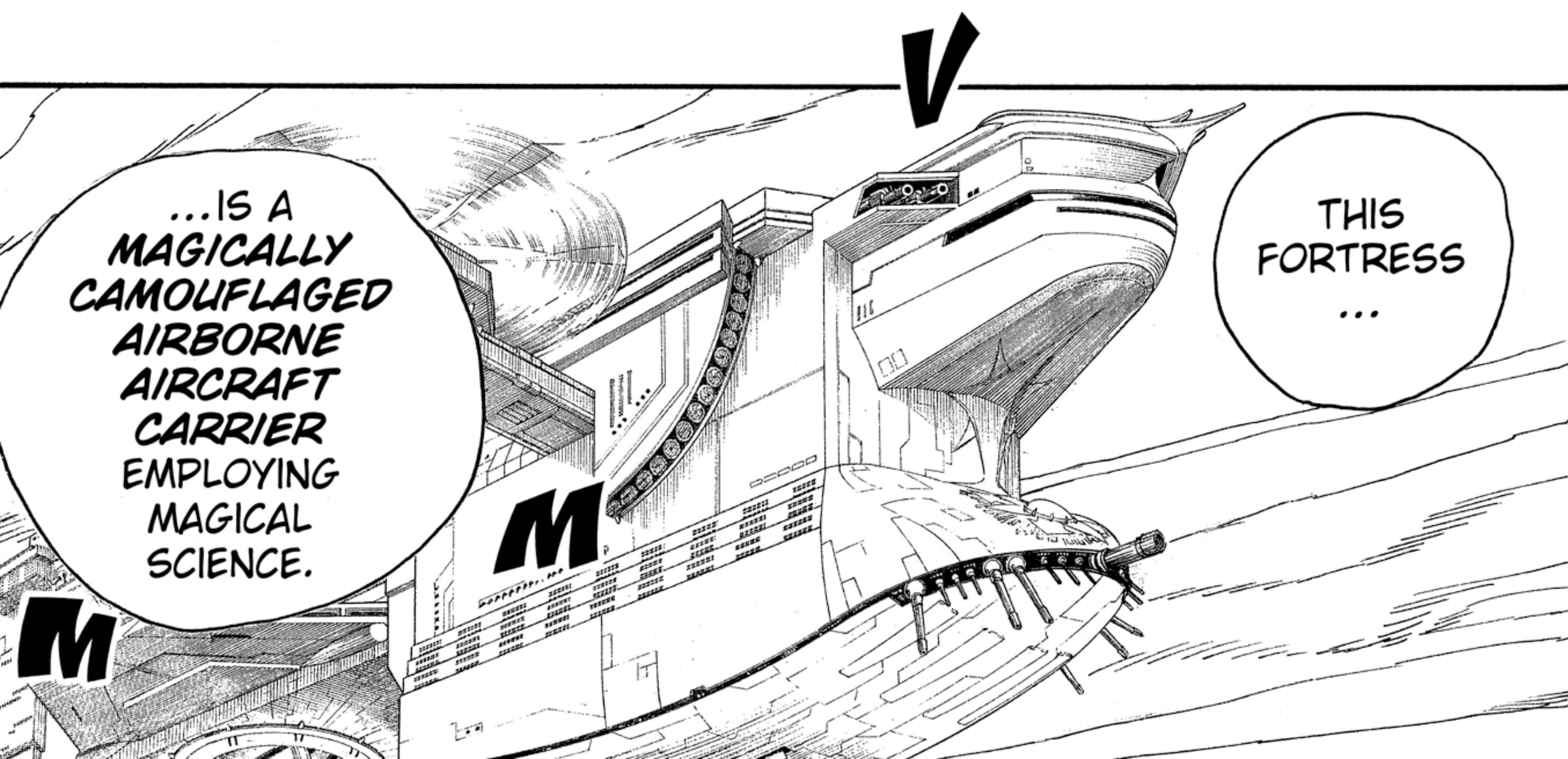
YES,
SIR.



I JUST
SWITCHED,
SO I FEEL
IN GOOD
HEALTH.

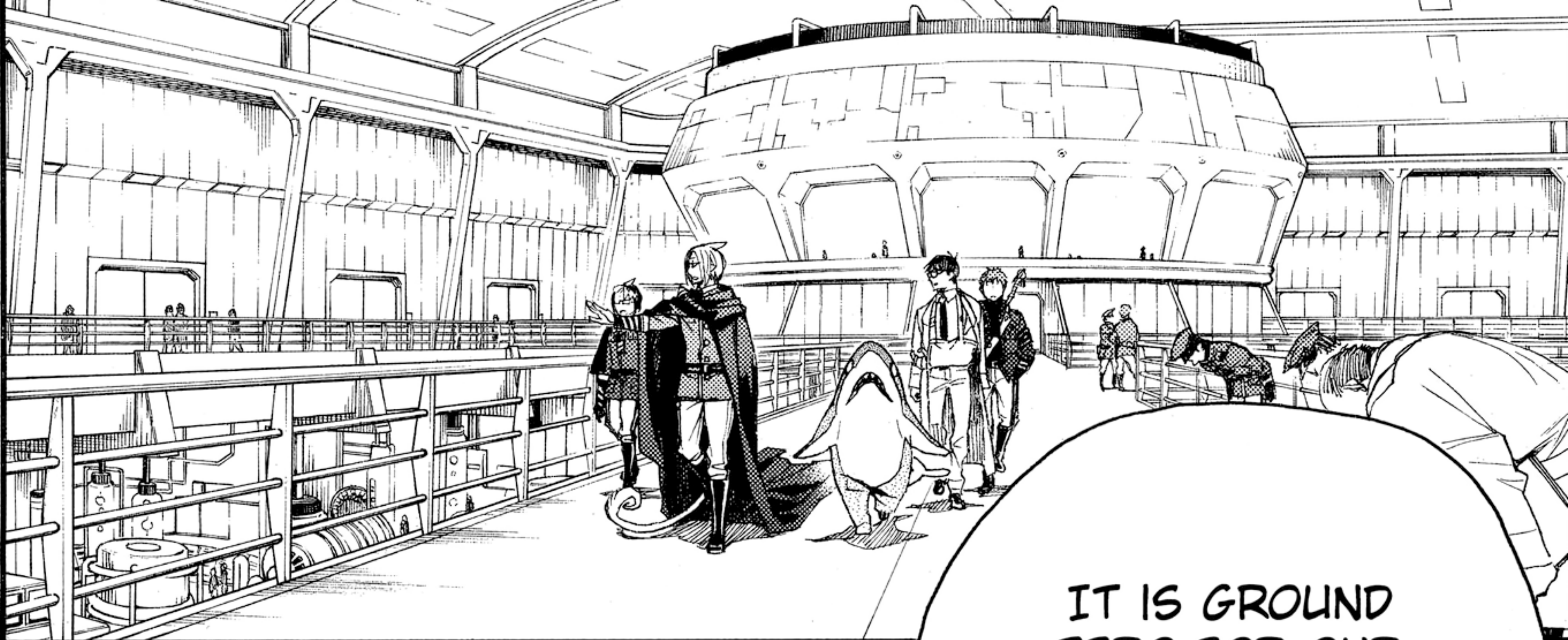
I DO NOT
MIND,
HOMARE.

COMMANDER,
YOU NEEDN'T
DO THIS
YOURSELF!



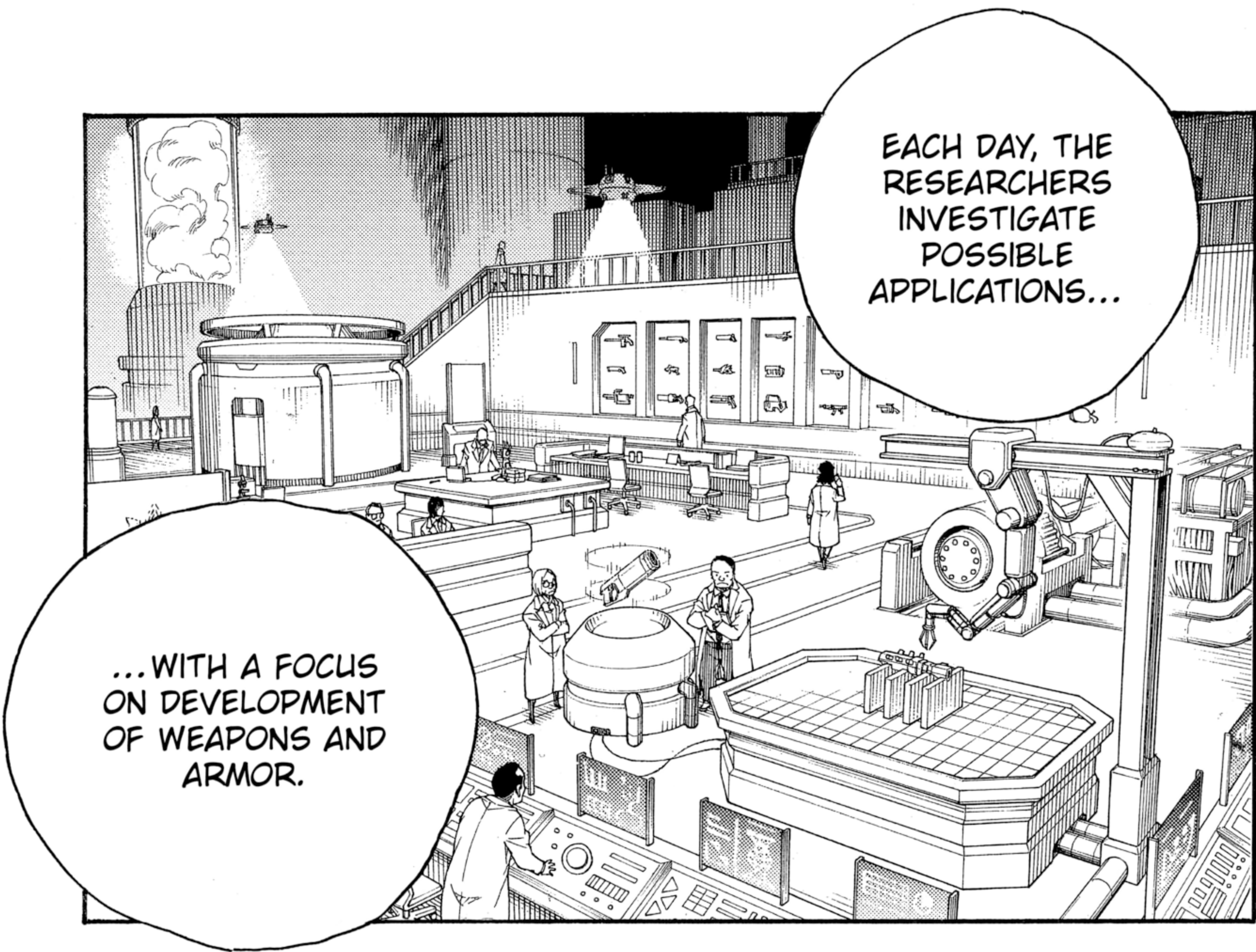
...IS A
**MAGICALLY
CAMOUFLAGED
AIRCRAFT
CARRIER
EMPLOYING
MAGICAL
SCIENCE.**

THIS
FORTRESS
...



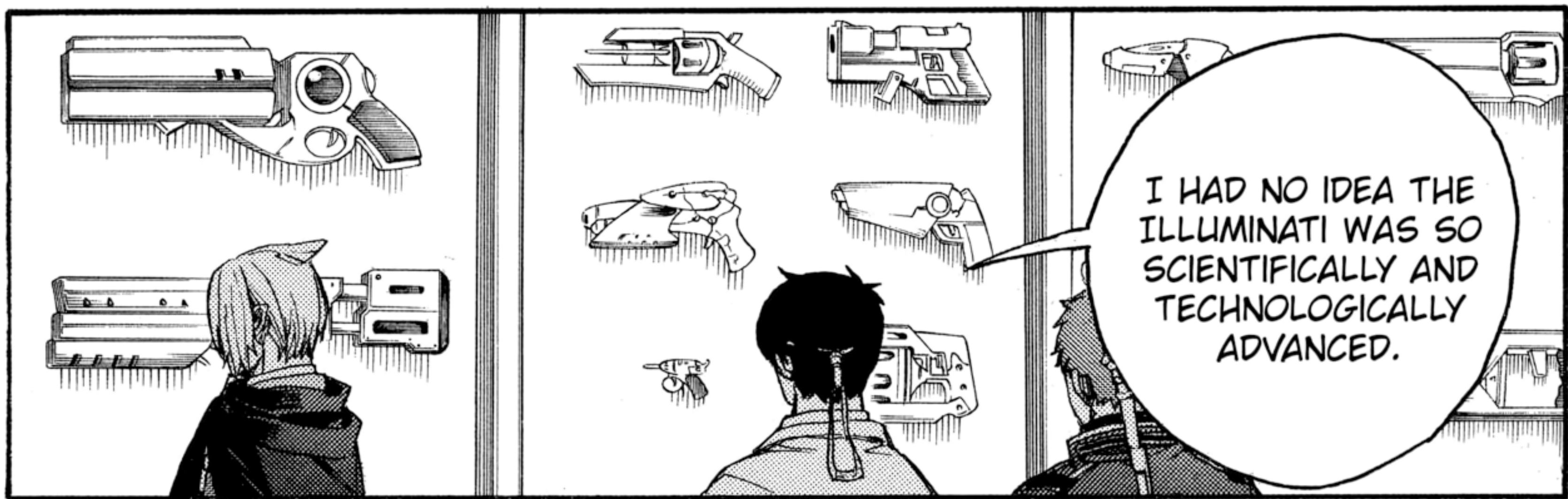
IT IS GROUND
ZERO FOR OUR
ORGANIZATION'S
MAGICAL
SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH.



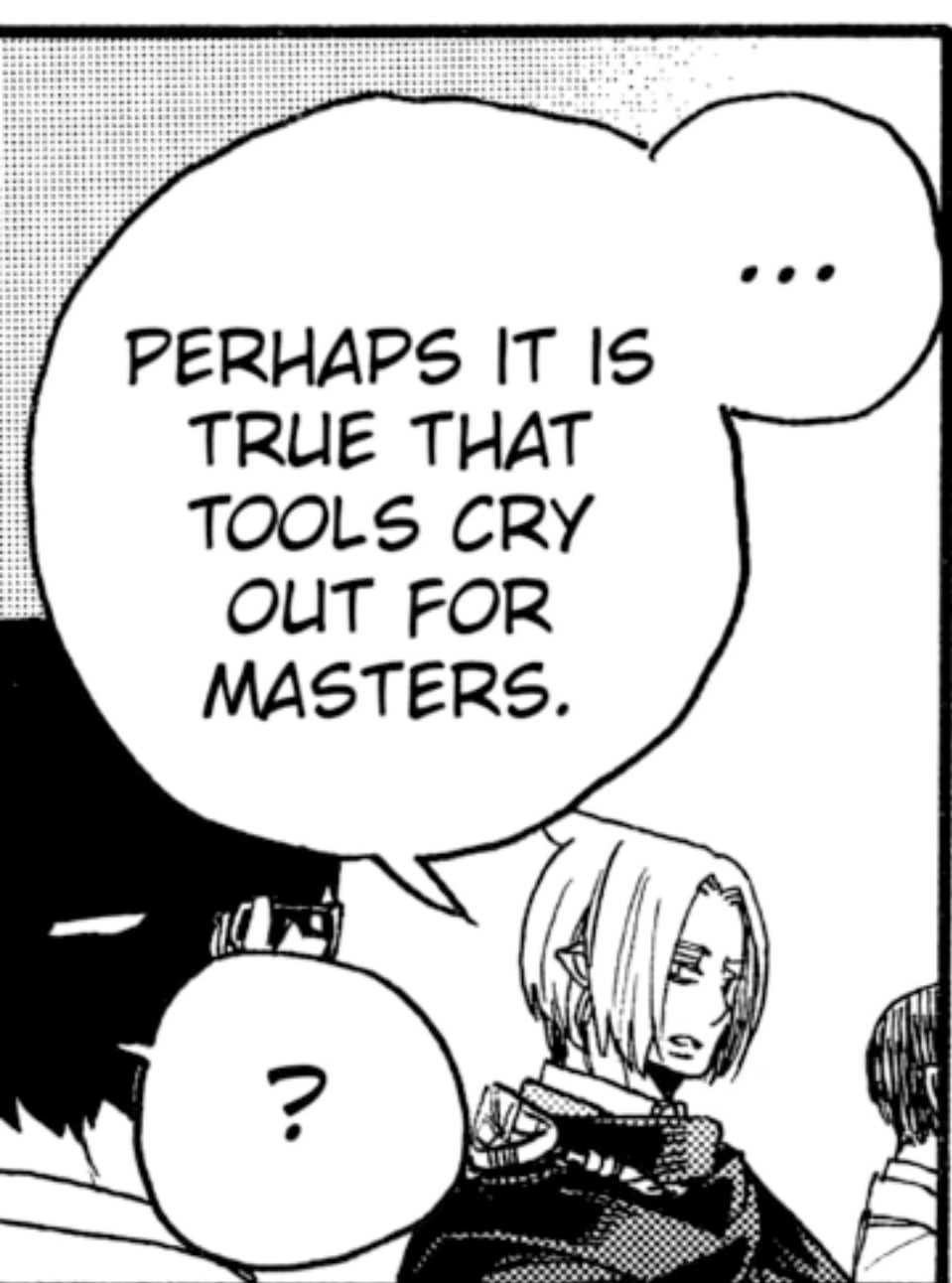


EACH DAY, THE
RESEARCHERS
INVESTIGATE
POSSIBLE
APPLICATIONS...

...WITH A FOCUS
ON DEVELOPMENT
OF WEAPONS AND
ARMOR.



I HAD NO IDEA THE
ILLUMINATI WAS SO
SCIENTIFICALLY AND
TECHNOLOGICALLY
ADVANCED.

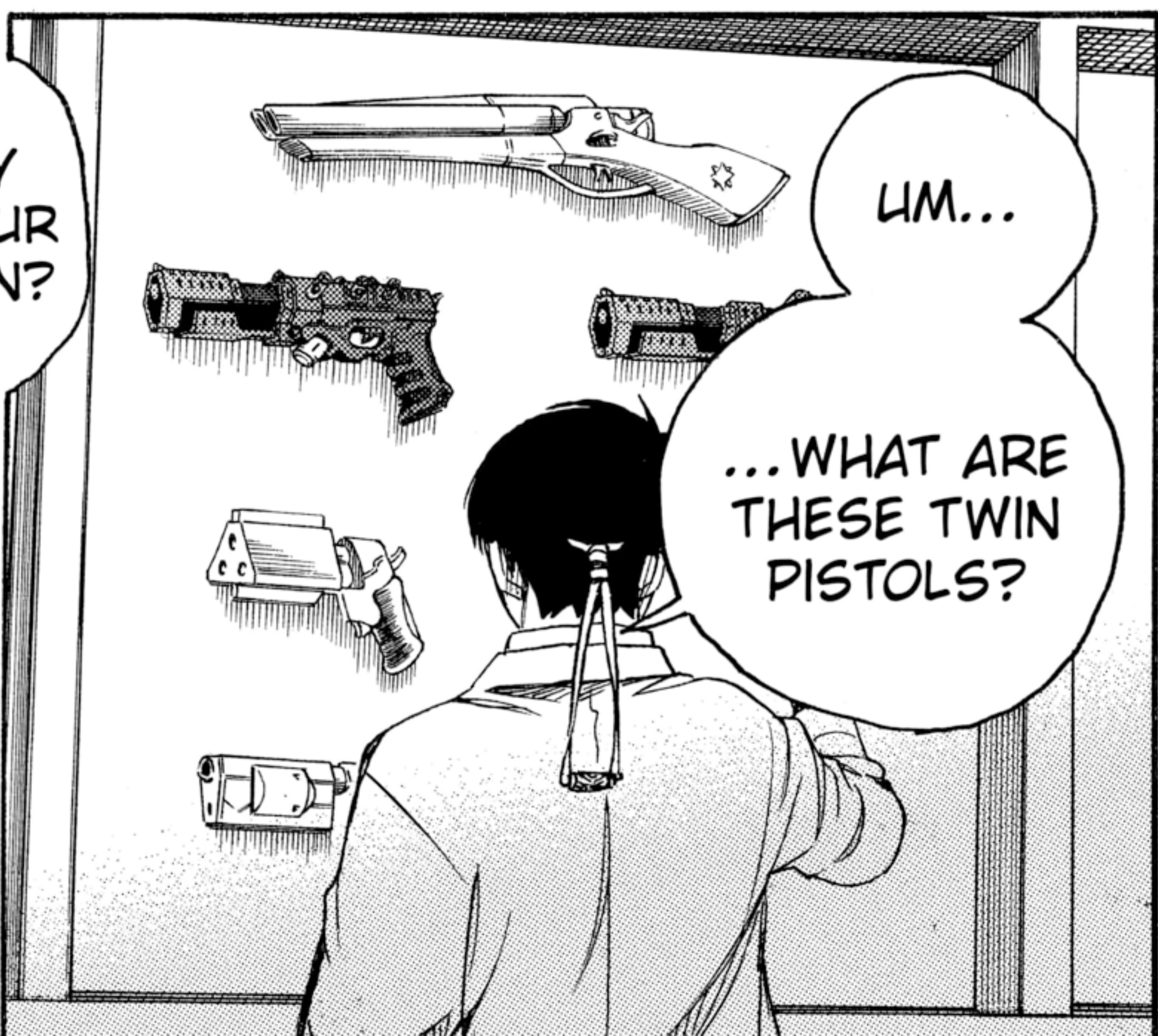


...
PERHAPS IT IS
TRUE THAT
TOOLS CRY
OUT FOR
MASTERS.

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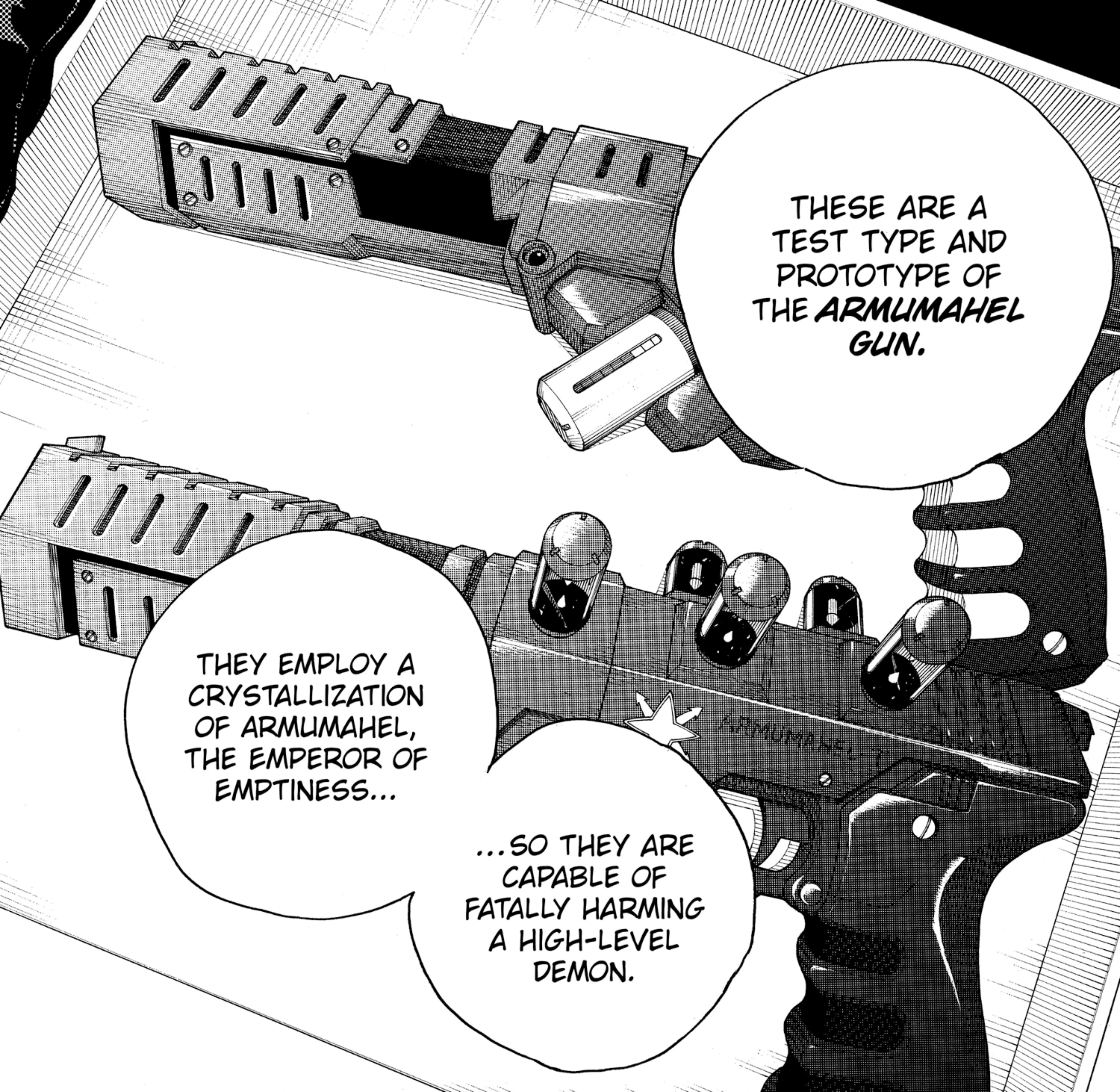


DID THEY
CATCH YOUR
ATTENTION?



UM...

...WHAT ARE
THESE TWIN
PISTOLS?



THESE ARE A
TEST TYPE AND
PROTOTYPE OF
THE **ARMUMAHHEL**
GUN.

THEY EMPLOY A
CRYSTALLIZATION
OF ARMUMAHHEL,
THE EMPEROR OF
EMPTINESS...

...SO THEY ARE
CAPABLE OF
FATALLY HARMING
A HIGH-LEVEL
DEMON.




THAT'S
WHAT THEY
TELL YOU,
BUT...

I BELIEVE
THE OCCULT
DEPARTMENT
DEEP IN THE
VATICAN
PRODUCES IT.

I LEARNED
THEY'RE
BASED ON
HOLY RELICS.

DO YOU KNOW HOW
THE KNIGHTS OF THE
TRUE CROSS MAKE
THEIR HOLY SILVER
AND HOLY WATER?



IT IS MADE BY
EXTRACTING A
SUBSTANCE
EXCRETED FROM A
CRYSTALLIZATION OF
ARMUMAHHEL, THE
EMPEROR OF
EMPTINESS.


ARMUMAHHEL'S
POWER HAS THE
SAME QUALITIES AS
THE BLACK FLAME
WE CONSIDER TO BE
THE FLAME OF
GEHENNA.



THE BLACK
FLAME
NULLIFIES
DEMONS AND
HOLLOWS OUT
HUMAN
BEINGS.




SHIMA'S
FAMILIAR,
YAMANTAKA,
IS KIN OF
ARMUMAHHEL.



...BUT IF A
HUMAN BEING
USES THEM FOR
A LONG TIME, IT
CAUSES MEMORY
DISORDER...

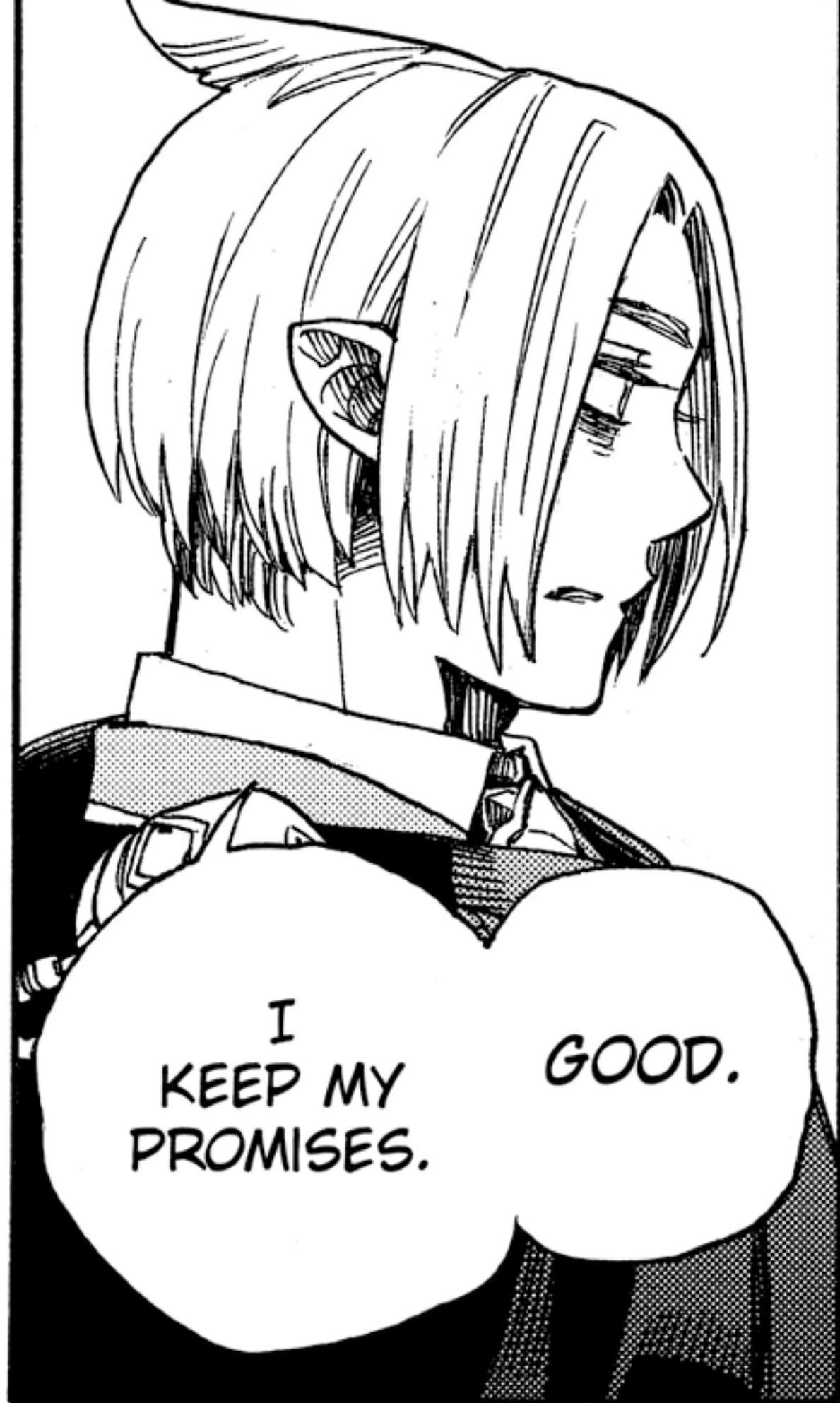
...SO WE NEVER
MASS-PRODUCED A
FINAL PRODUCT.

THOSE GUNS
USE THE
CRYSTAL'S
GEMS FOR AN
INCREDIBLY
STRONG WEAPON
OF EXORCISM...



HOWEVER, YOU
CAN USE THEM
BECAUSE THE
BLACK FLAME
HAS NO EFFECT
ON YOU.

SO I GIVE
THEM TO
YOU.



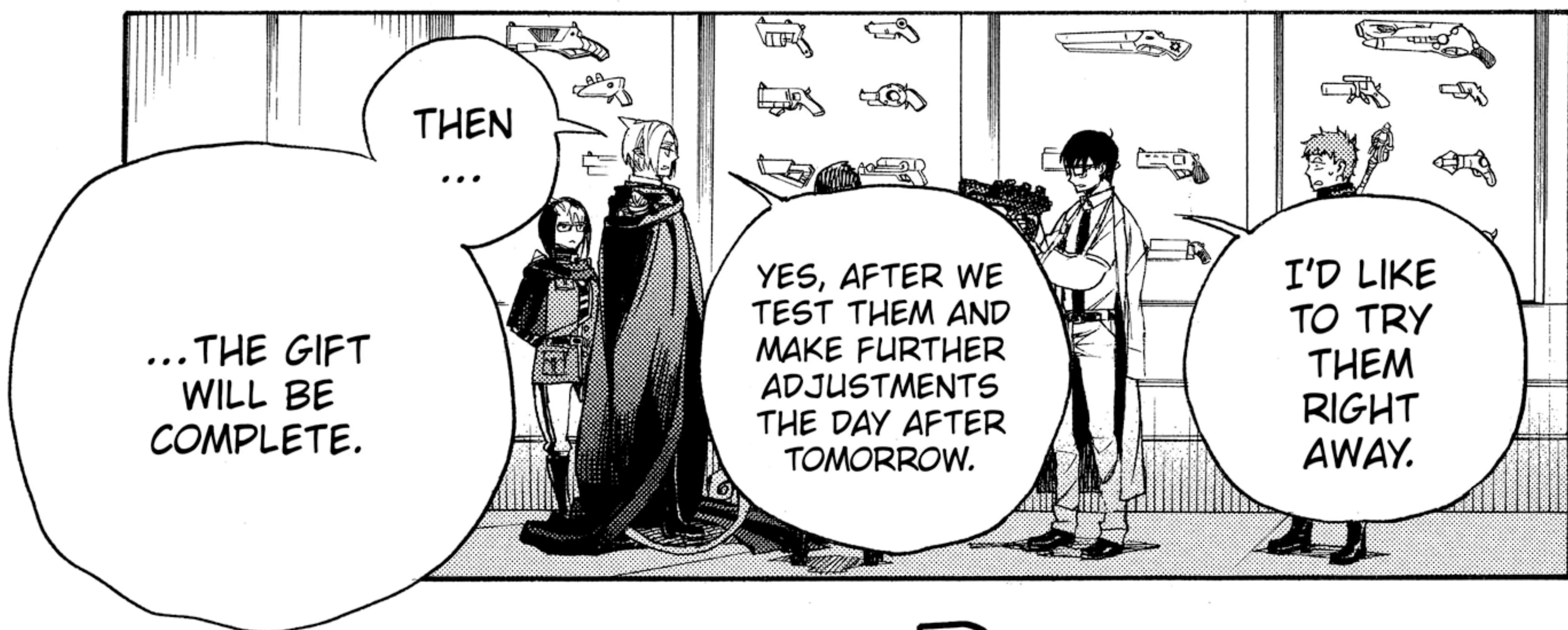
I
KEEP MY
PROMISES.

GOOD.



...BUT I'M
GLAD TO HAVE
THIS WEAPON.

YOUR
GENEROSITY IS
UNSETTLING...



THEN
...

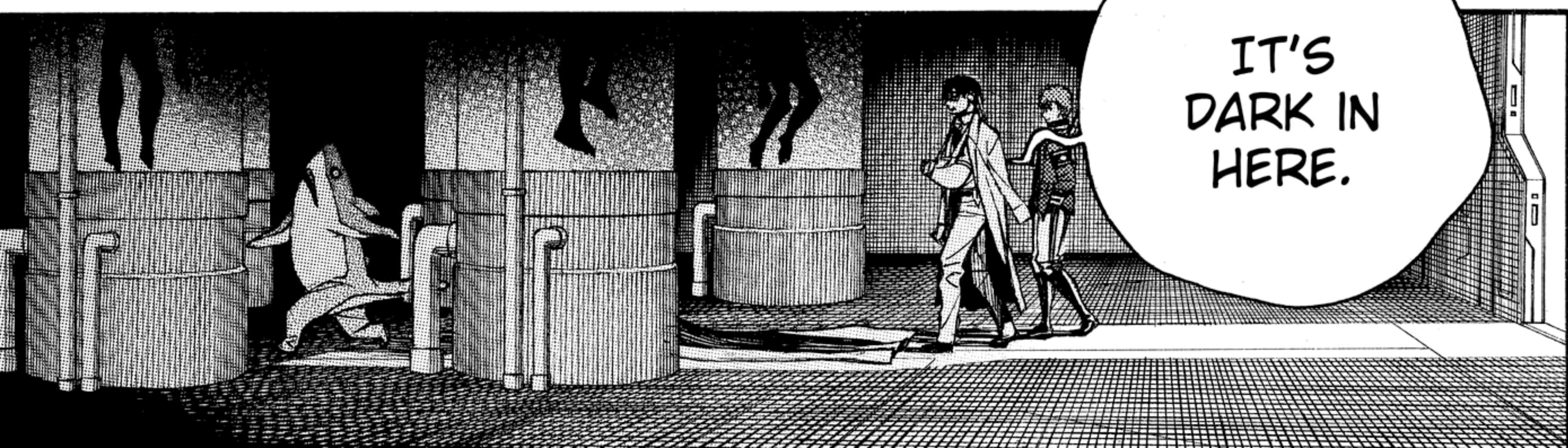
...THE GIFT
WILL BE
COMPLETE.

YES, AFTER WE
TEST THEM AND
MAKE FURTHER
ADJUSTMENTS
THE DAY AFTER
TOMORROW.

I'D LIKE
TO TRY
THEM
RIGHT
AWAY.



...



IT'S
DARK IN
HERE.





...AND
SUCCESSFULLY
CREATED
PERFECT
CLONES.

WE COMPLETED
THE RESEARCH
BEGUN AT
SECTION 13...

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YOU
EVEN HAVE
REGENERATIVE
MEDICINE!

SO WHAT
WILL YOU
DO...

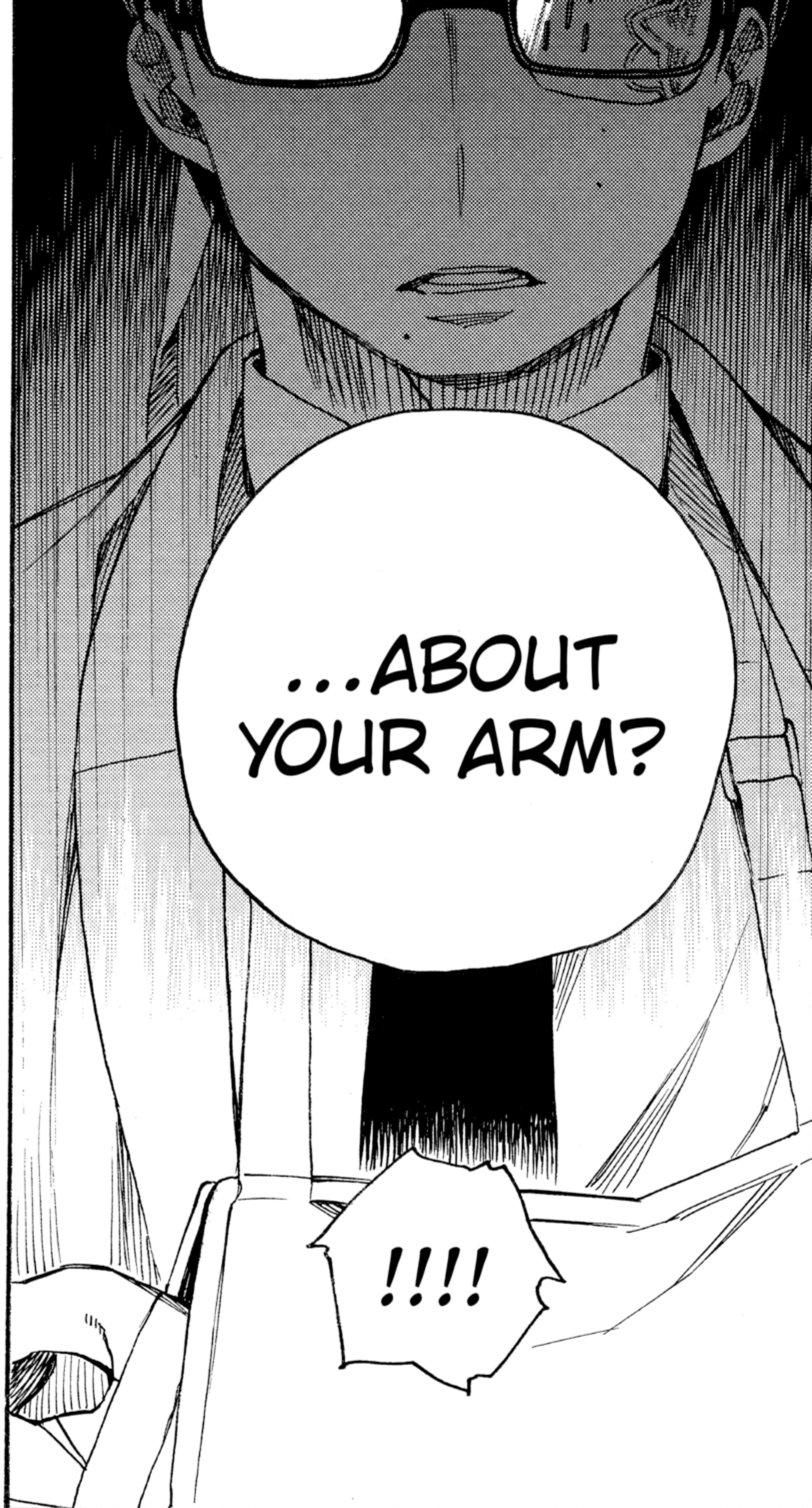
IF I
OVERBURDEN MY
BODY, THE FLESH
DETERIORATES.
WITHOUT THE
ELIXIRS, I
WOULDN'T
LAST A DAY.

THANKS TO
THESE CLONES,
HOWEVER, I
HAVE *REPLACE-
MENTS*.



IT COULD TAKE
FOUR TO FIVE
WEEKS TO
HEAL ON ITS
OWN...

...BUT **WE**
CAN HEAL IT
IN **ONE DAY.**



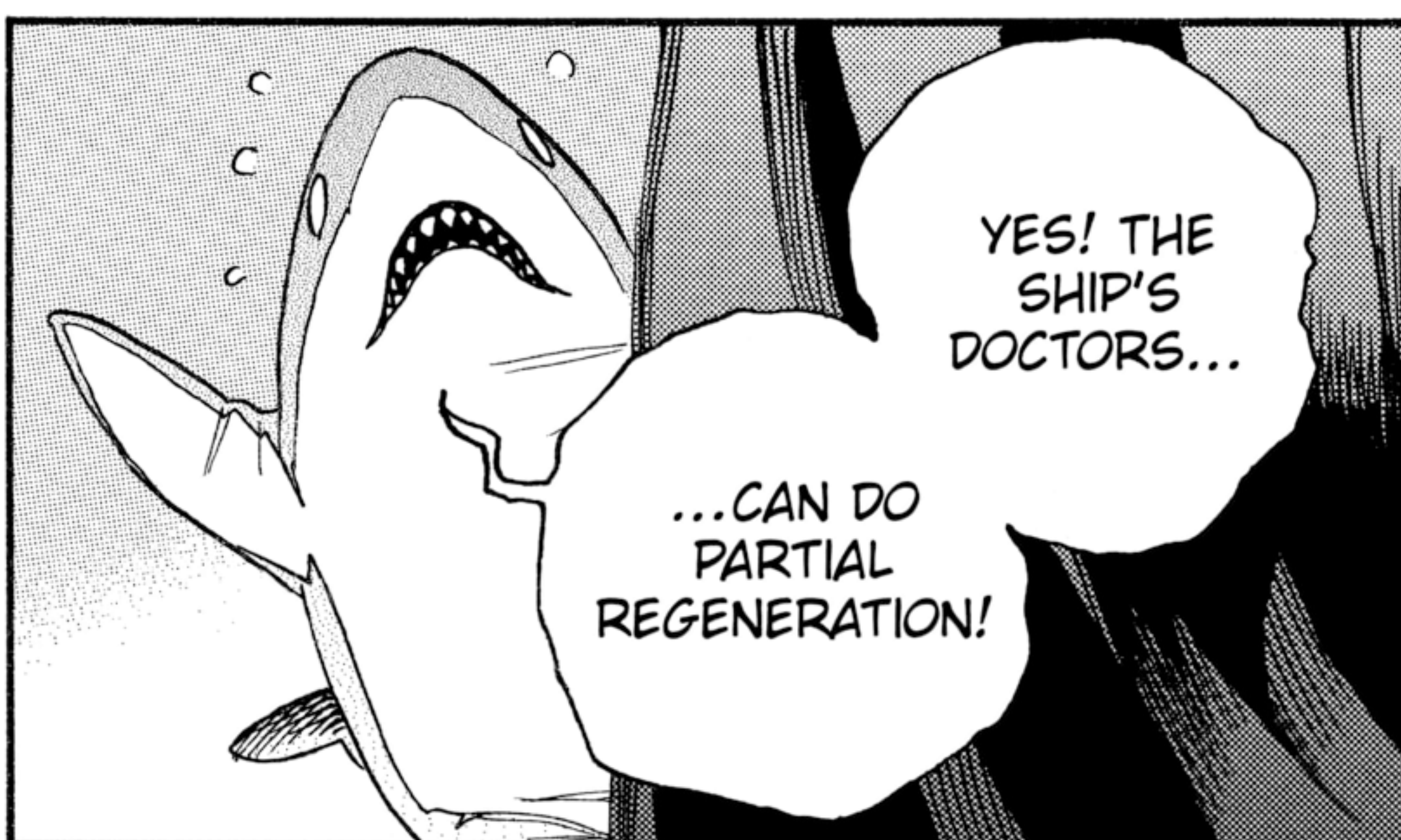
...ABOUT
YOUR ARM?

!!!!



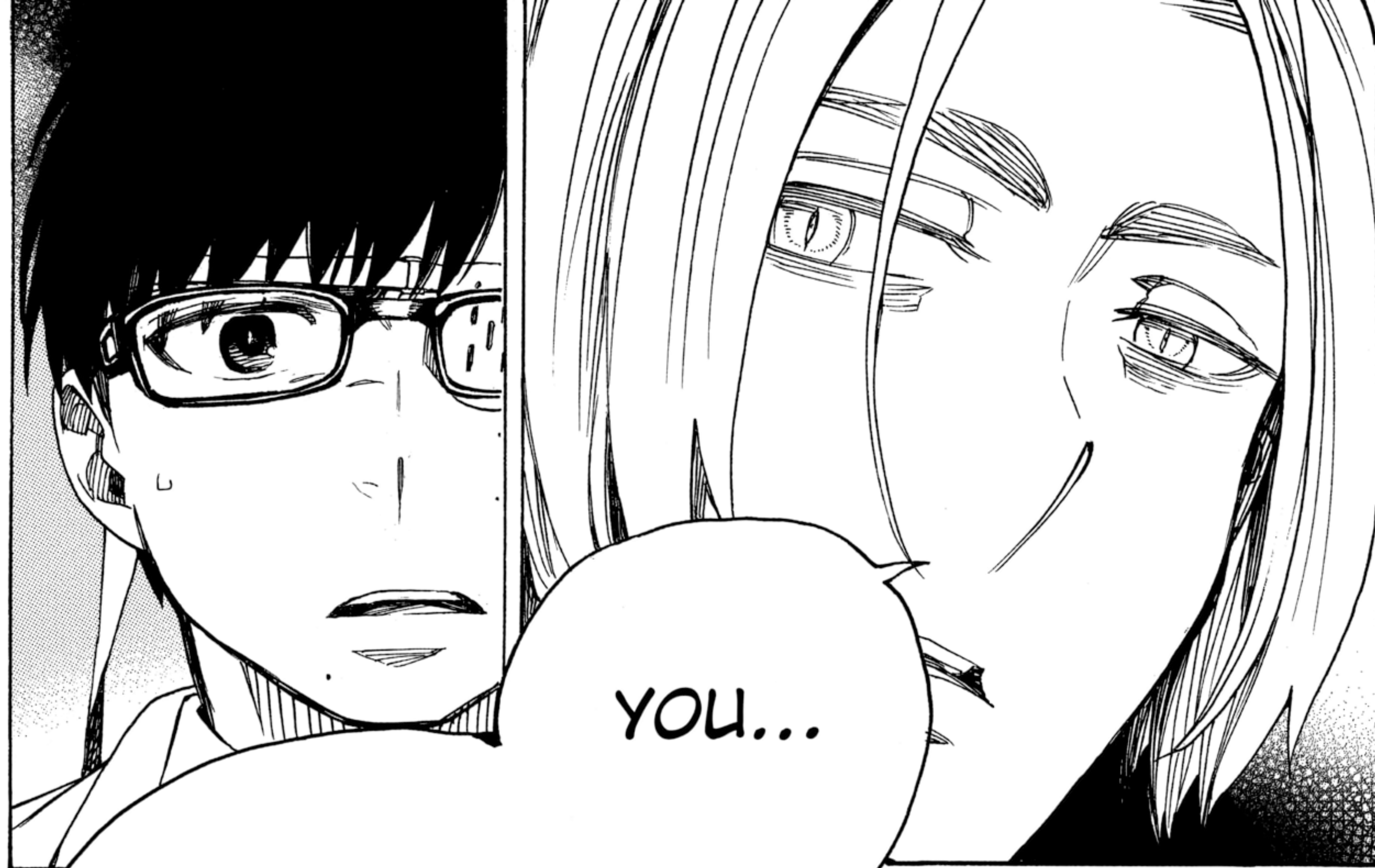
Like a
lizard's
tail...

SERIOUSLY?
YUCK...



YES! THE
SHIP'S
DOCTORS...

...CAN DO
PARTIAL
REGENERATION!



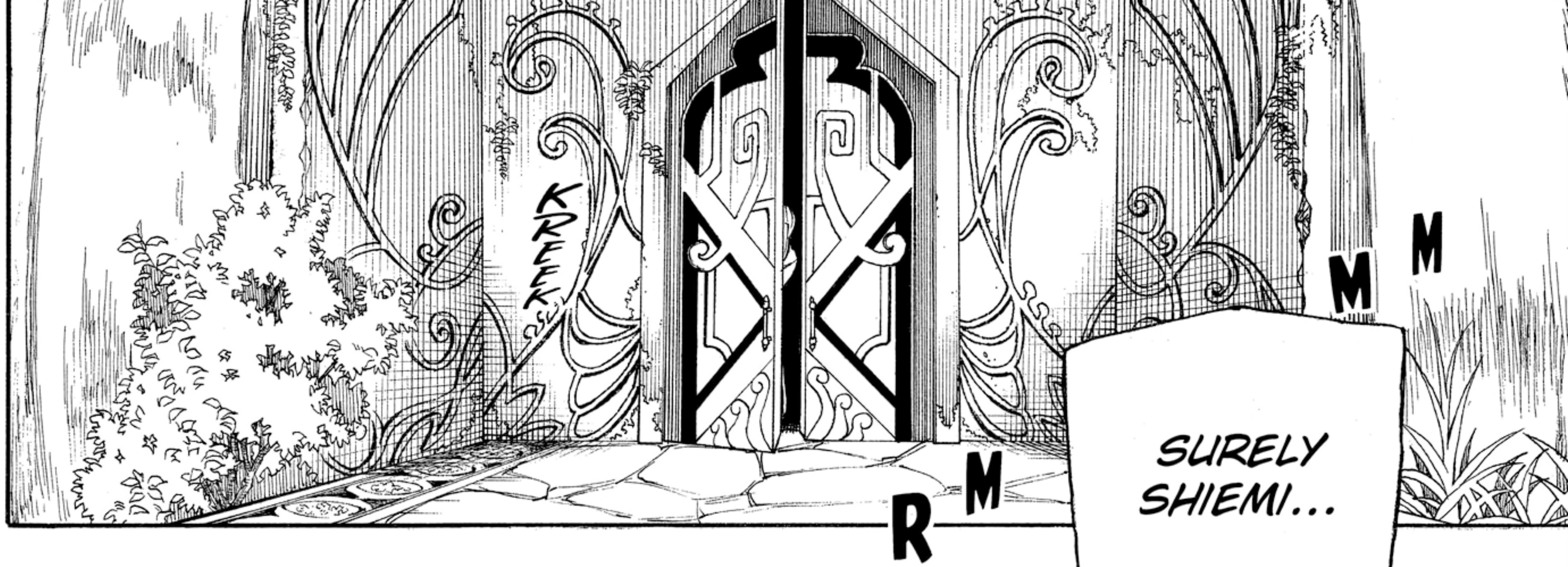
YOU...

...NEED **BOTH**
ARMS TO BEAR
ARMUMAHHEL'S
GUNS.





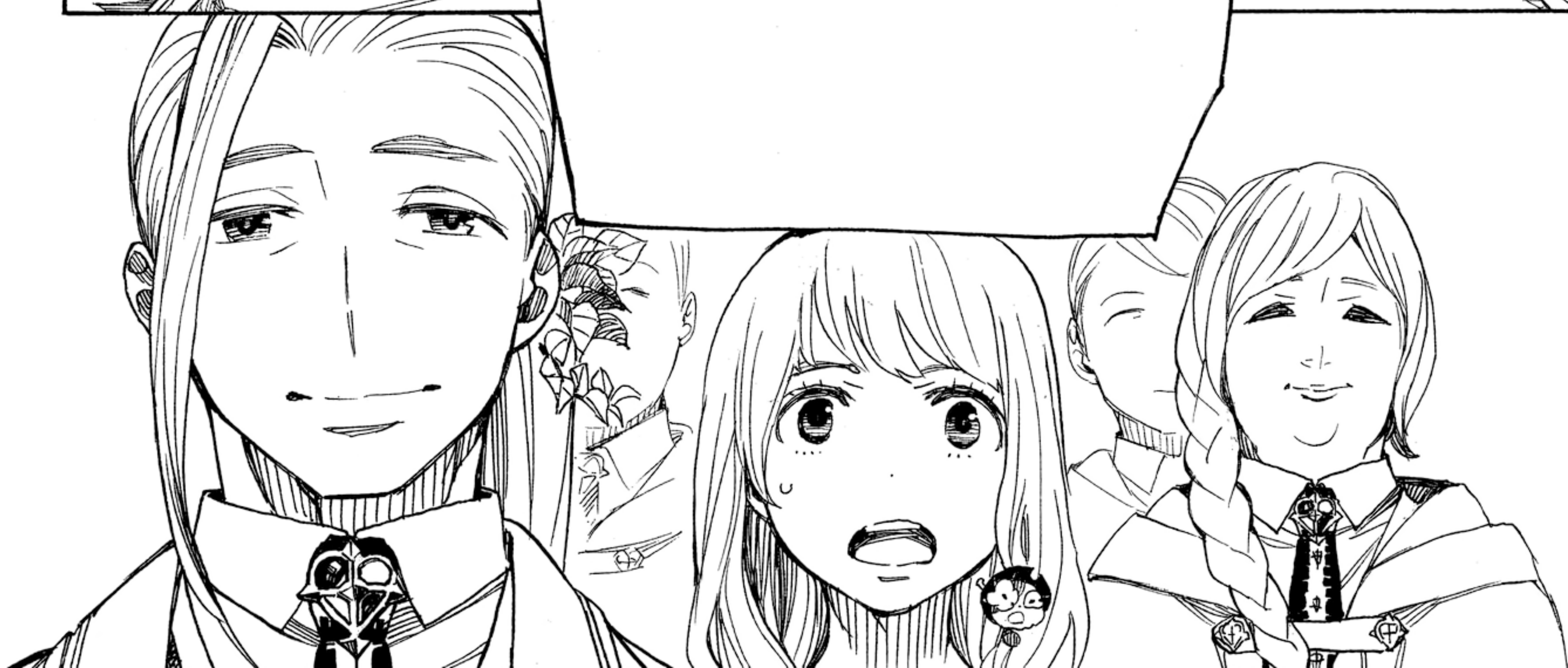


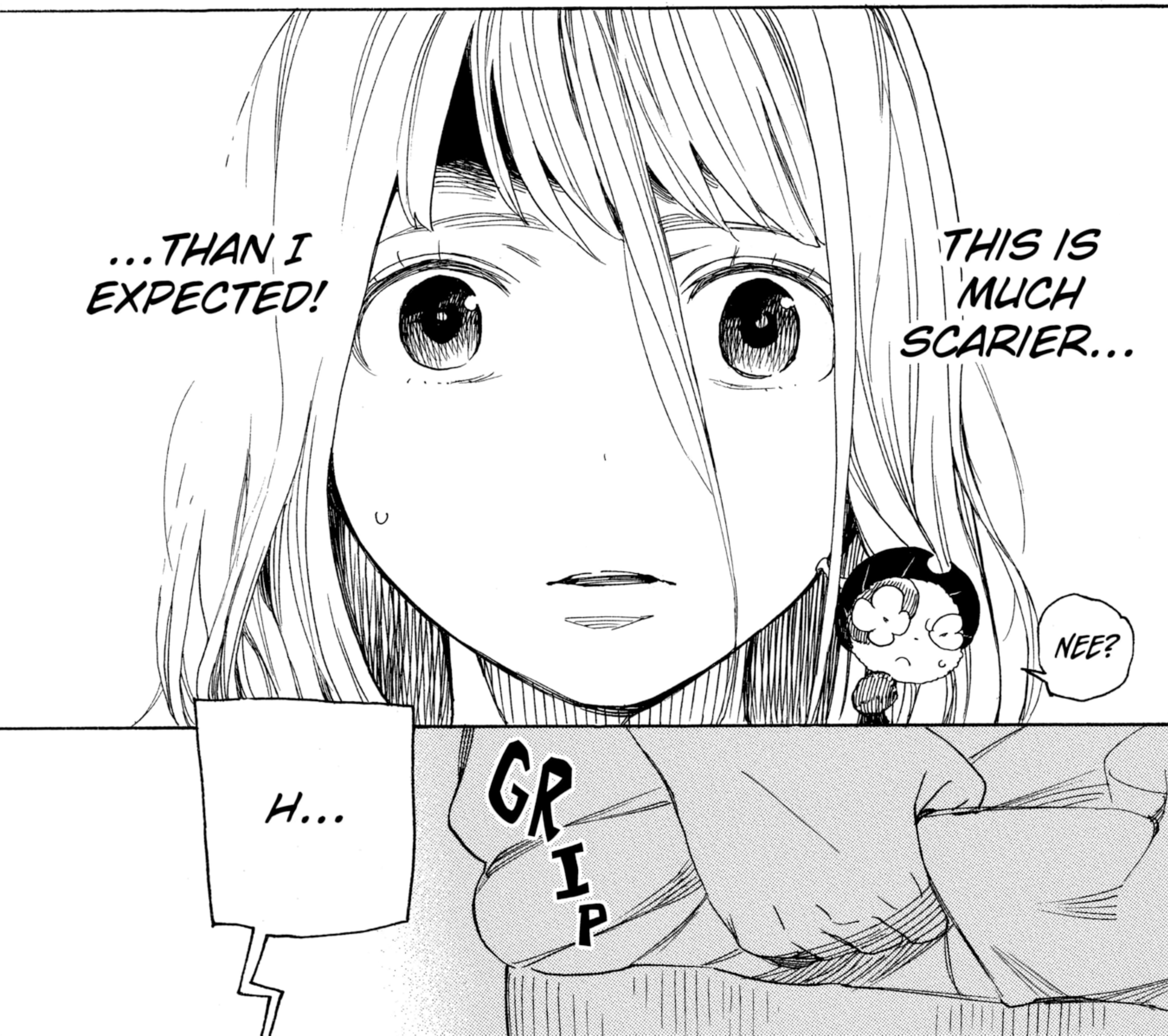
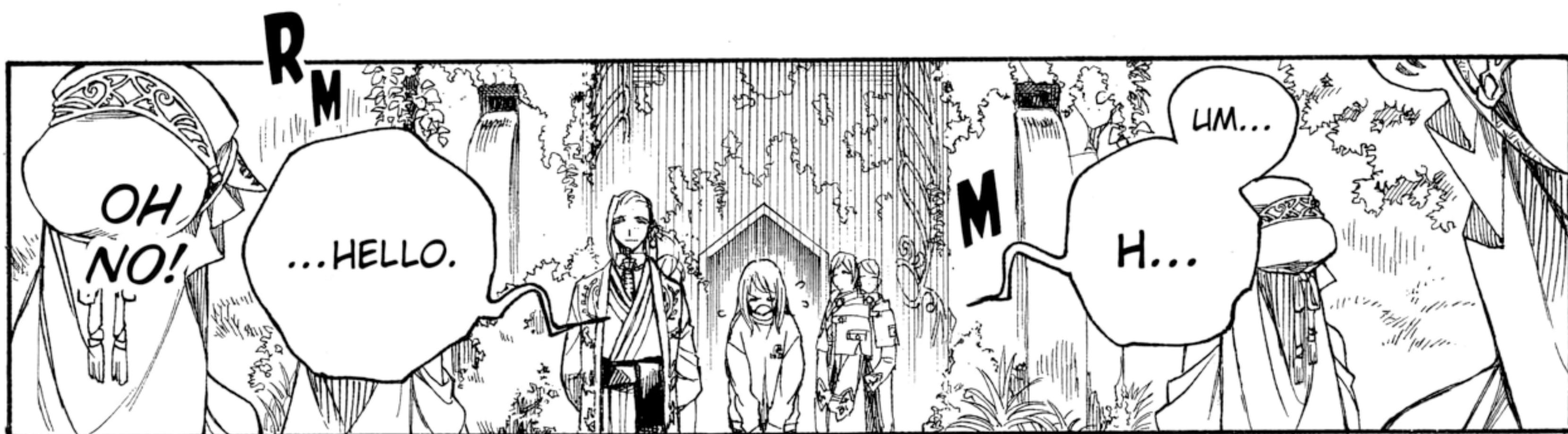
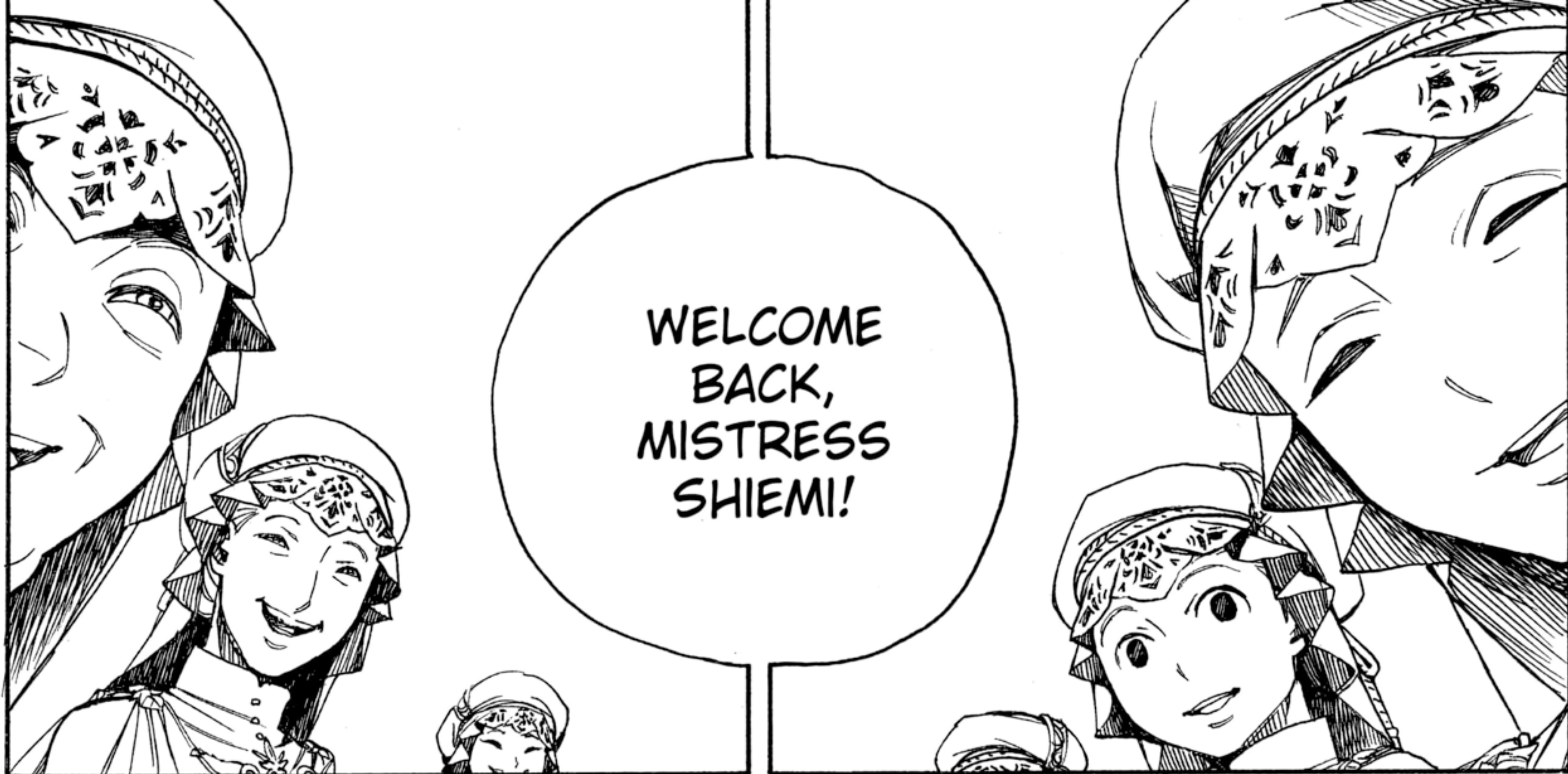


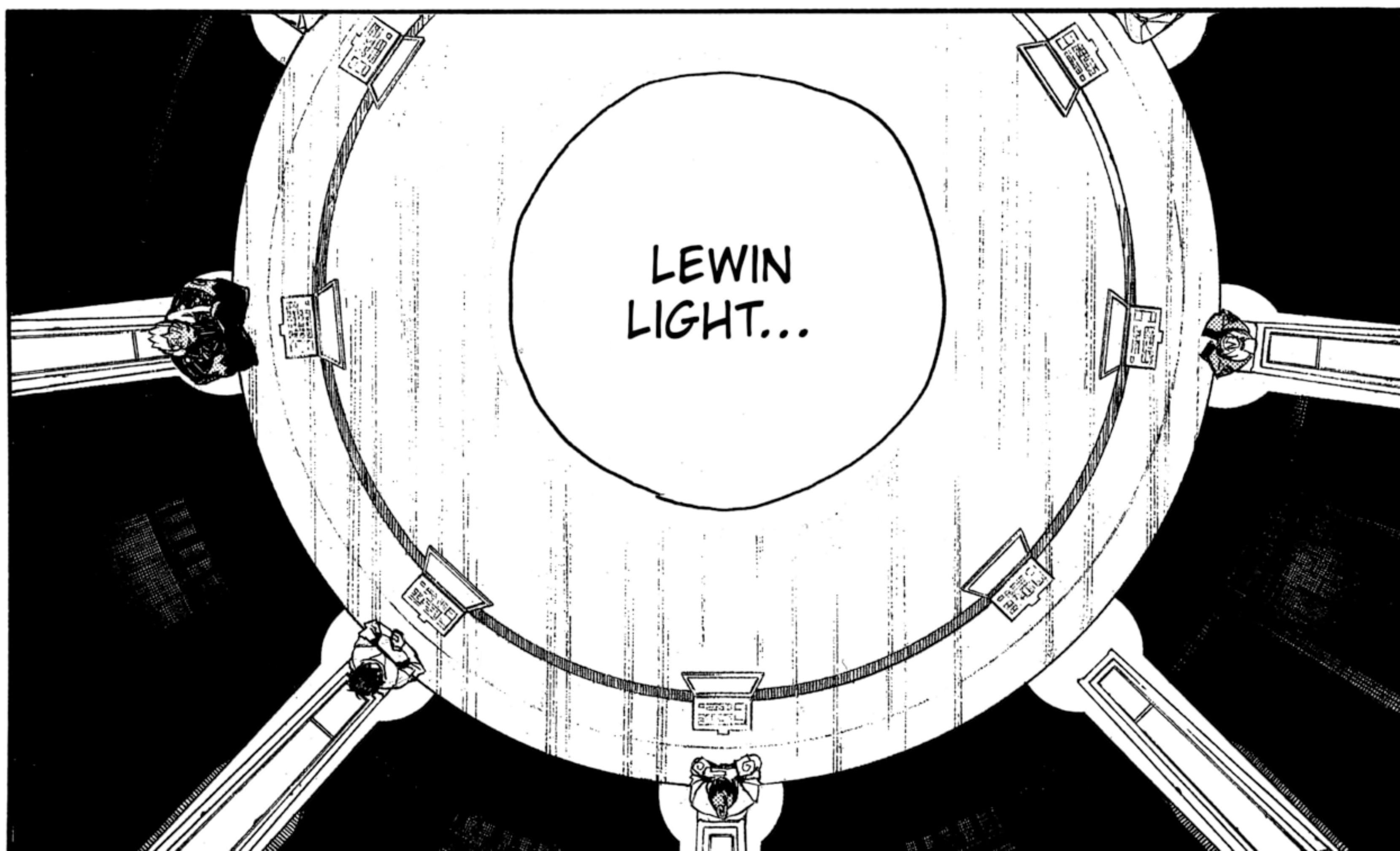
SURELY
SHIEMI...

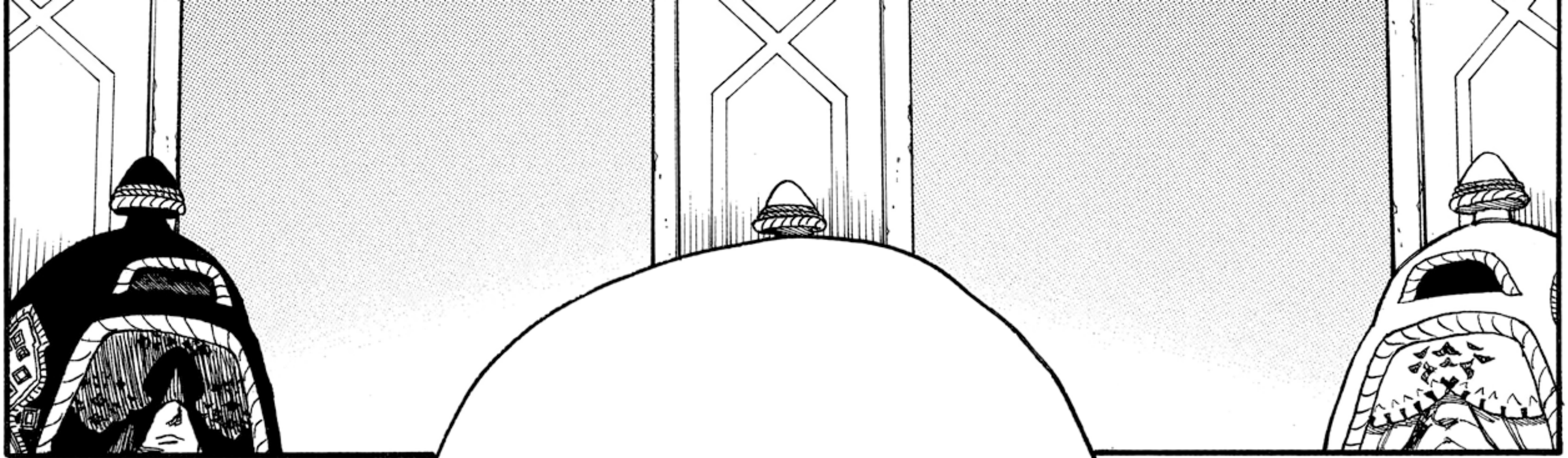


...ISN'T
CONNECTED
TO THE
GRIGORI!!









...EXPLAIN
YOUR ATTACK
ON DRAC
DRAGULESCU.



...AND
I'VE GOT
PROOF!

WELL,
HE'S AN
ILLUMINATI
DOG...

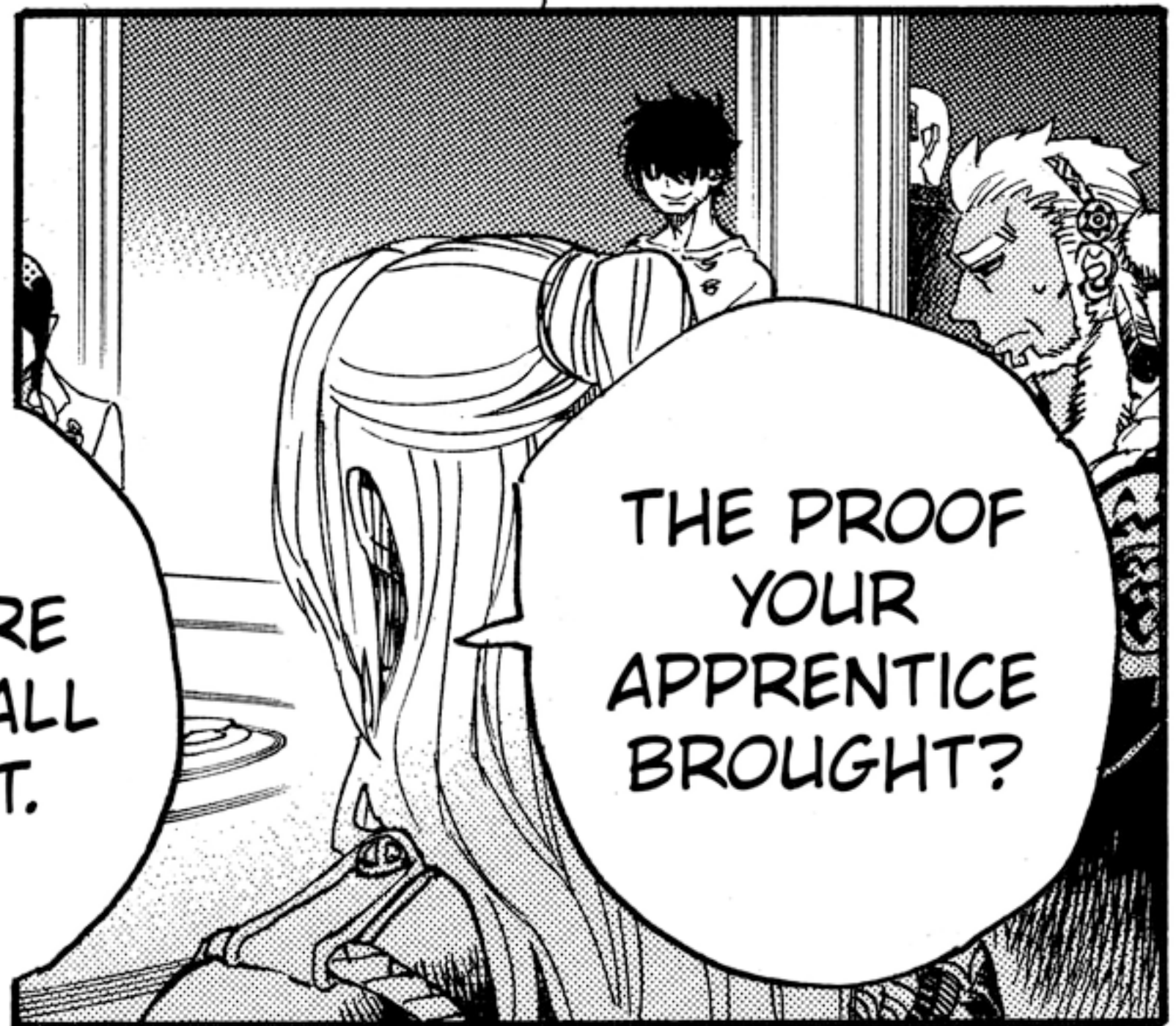


INCLUDING
YOU, RIGHT?

I'M SURE
YOU'VE ALL
READ IT.



THE PROOF
YOUR
APPRENTICE
BROUGHT?



I RECOGNIZE
THE FACTS
REGARDING
SECTION 13.

?!

INCLUDING
WHAT YOU
YOURSELF
ATTEST.

I FIND THE
CONTENTS
DIFFICULT TO
BELIEVE.

YEAH, THAT'S
WHAT I'D
EXPECT
FROM YOU.

WITHIN THE
FACILITY, HE
CALLED HIMSELF
*NICOLAE
EMINESCU.*

...

IT IS A FACT
THAT DIRECTOR
DRAGULESCU
WAS LEADING THE
RESEARCH INTO
CLONES.

...IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

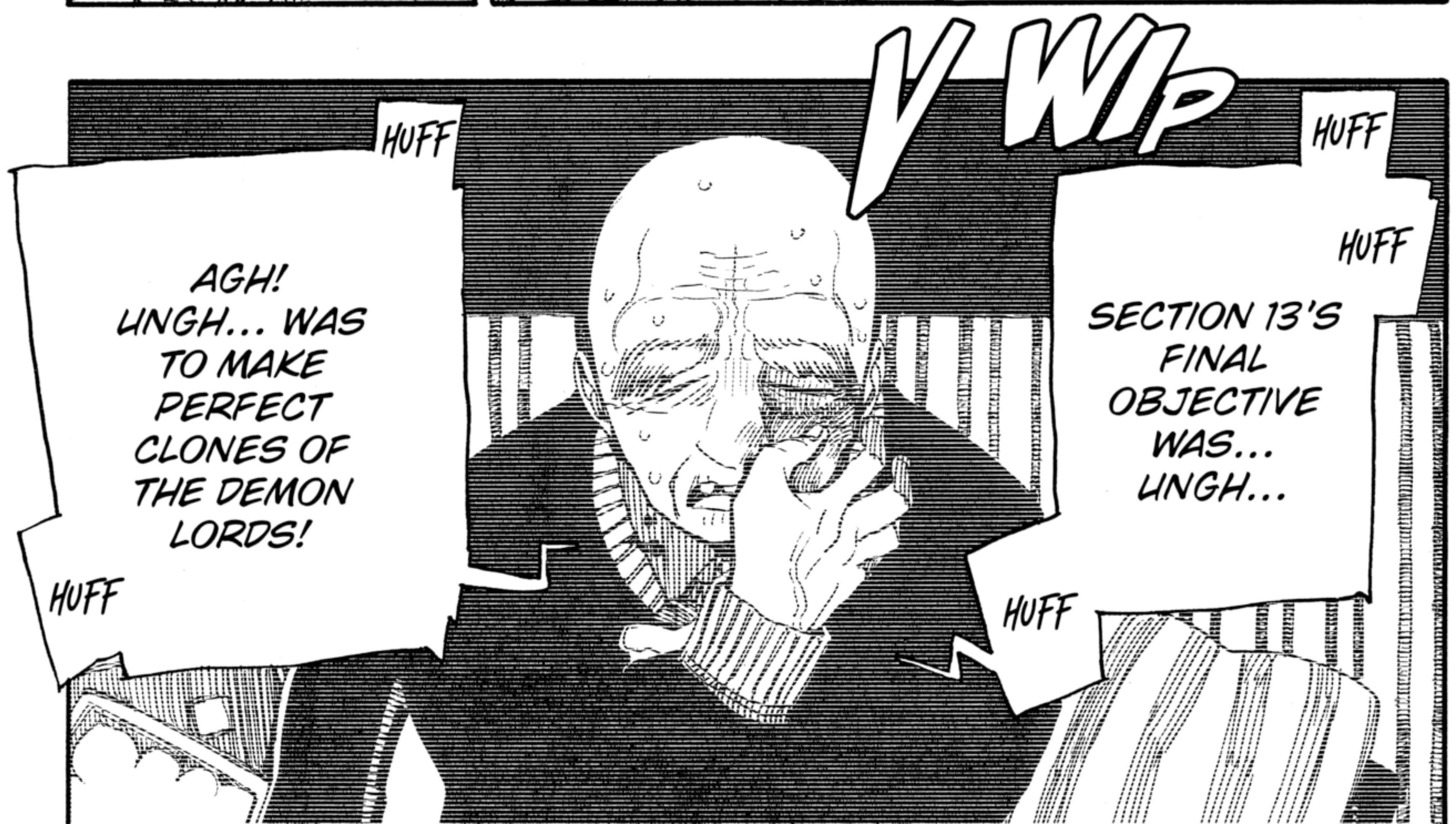
HOW-
EVER...

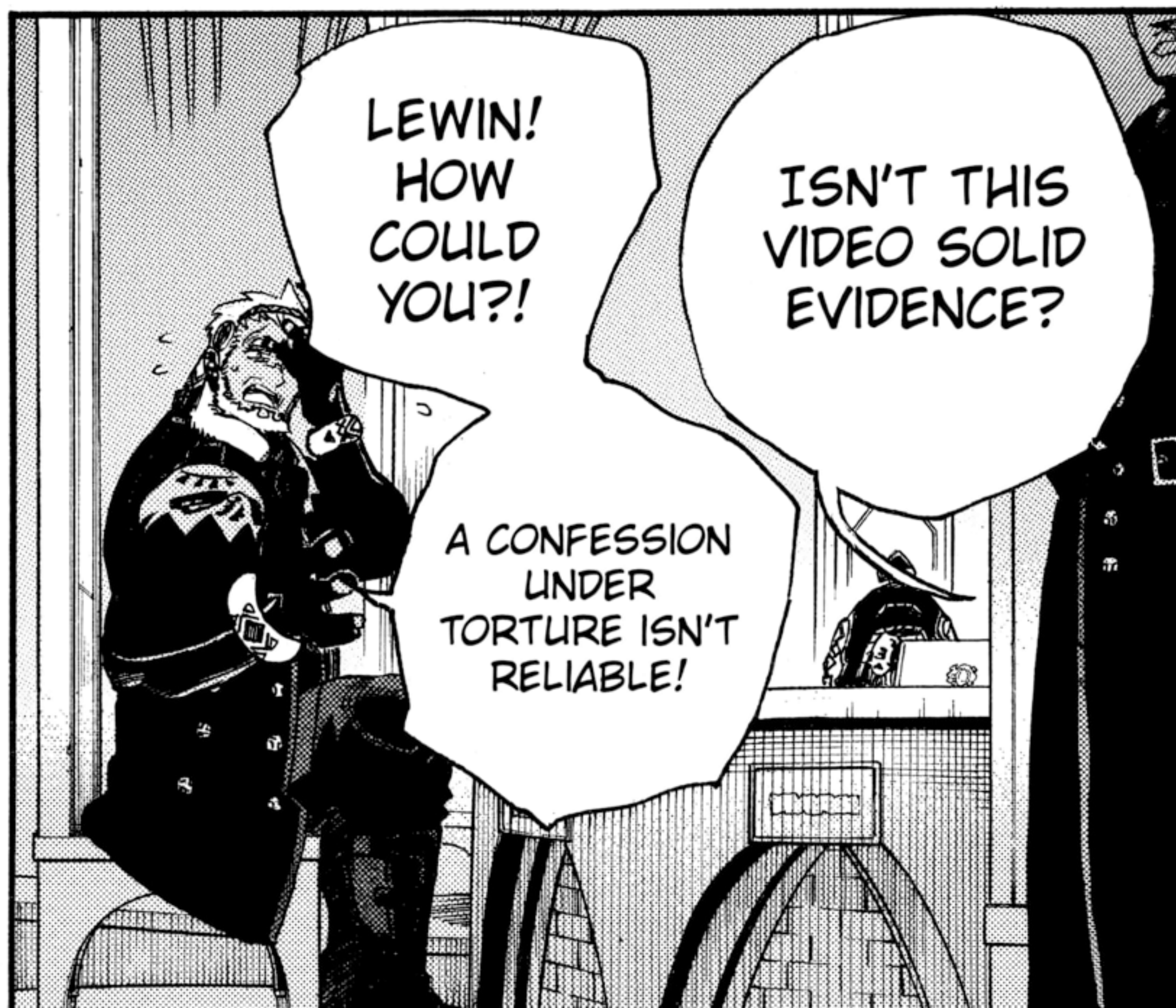
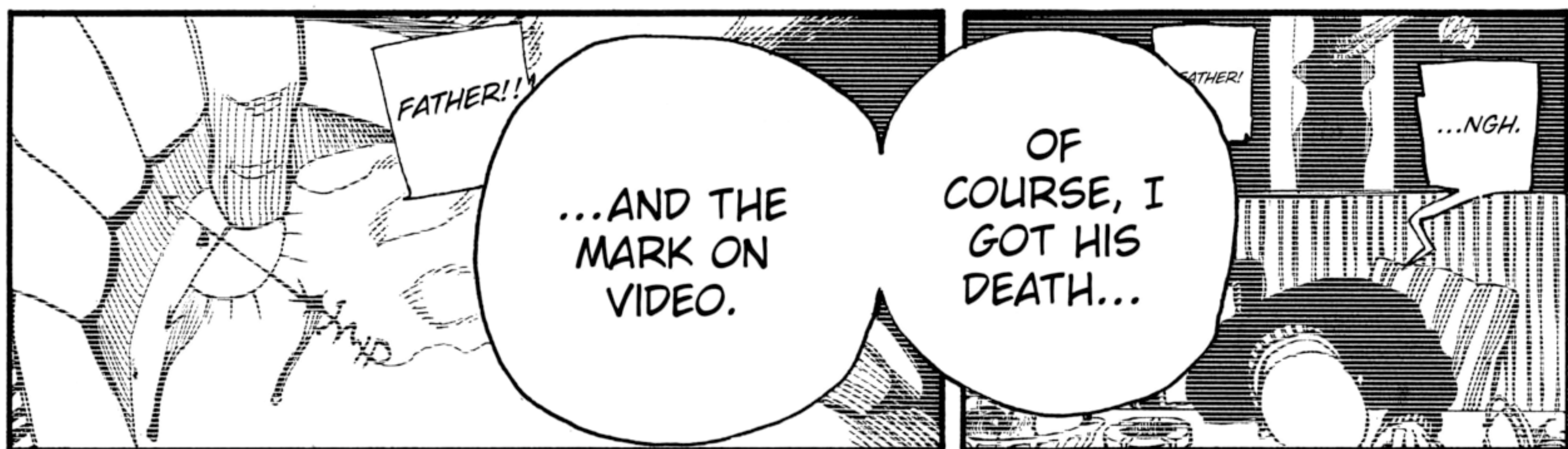
ACTUALLY, IT
ALL FINALLY
MAKES SENSE.

RIDICULOUS!

THIS IS
DEMONIC
NONSENSE!

...







JUST
BEFORE
THE BLUE
NIGHT...

...DOCTOR EMINESCU
WAS UNRAVELING
THE MYSTERY OF A
SYSTEM FOR
CELLULAR
REGENERATION OF
SO-005, A BODY
FOR POSSESSION
BY SATAN.

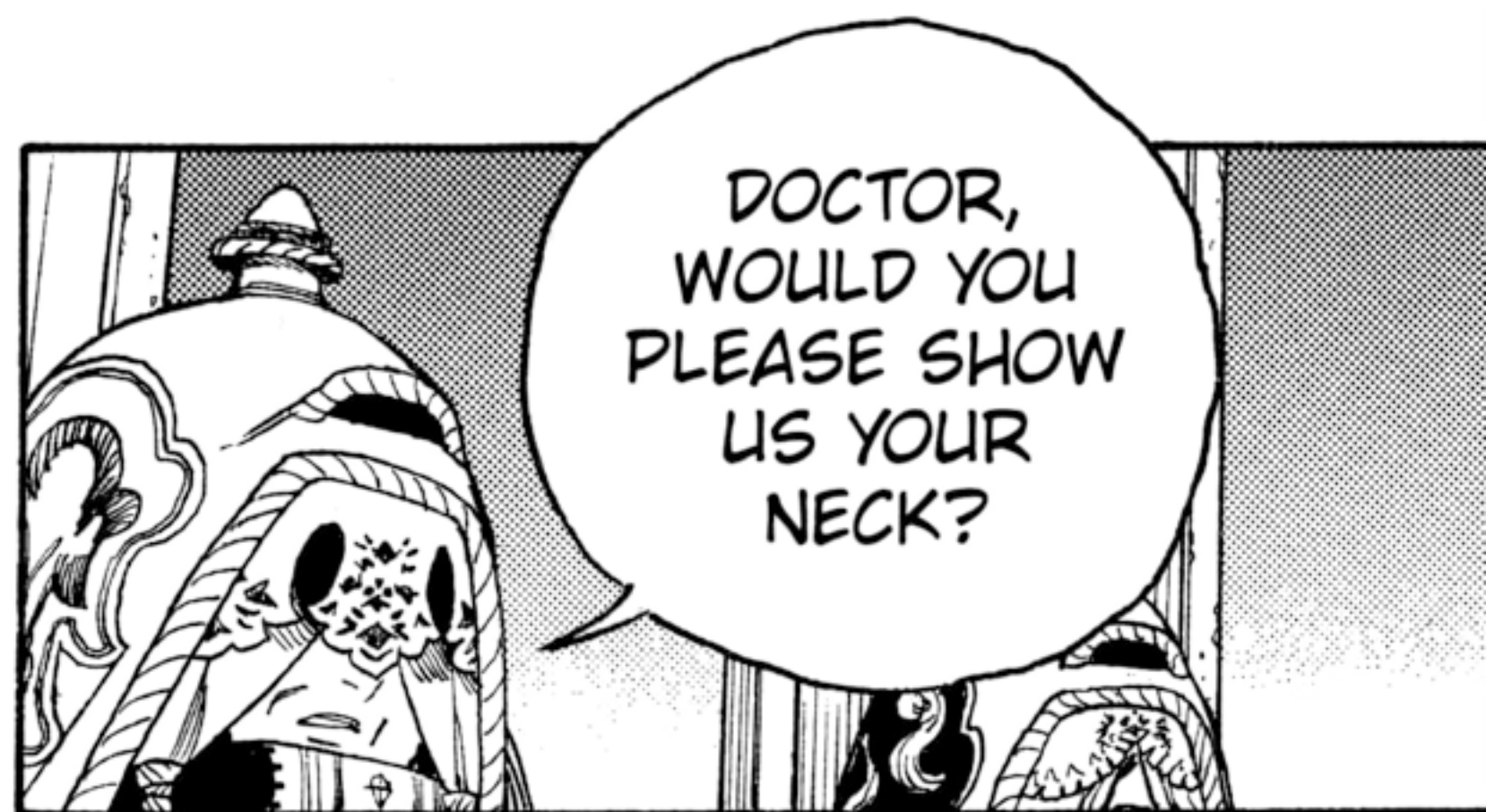
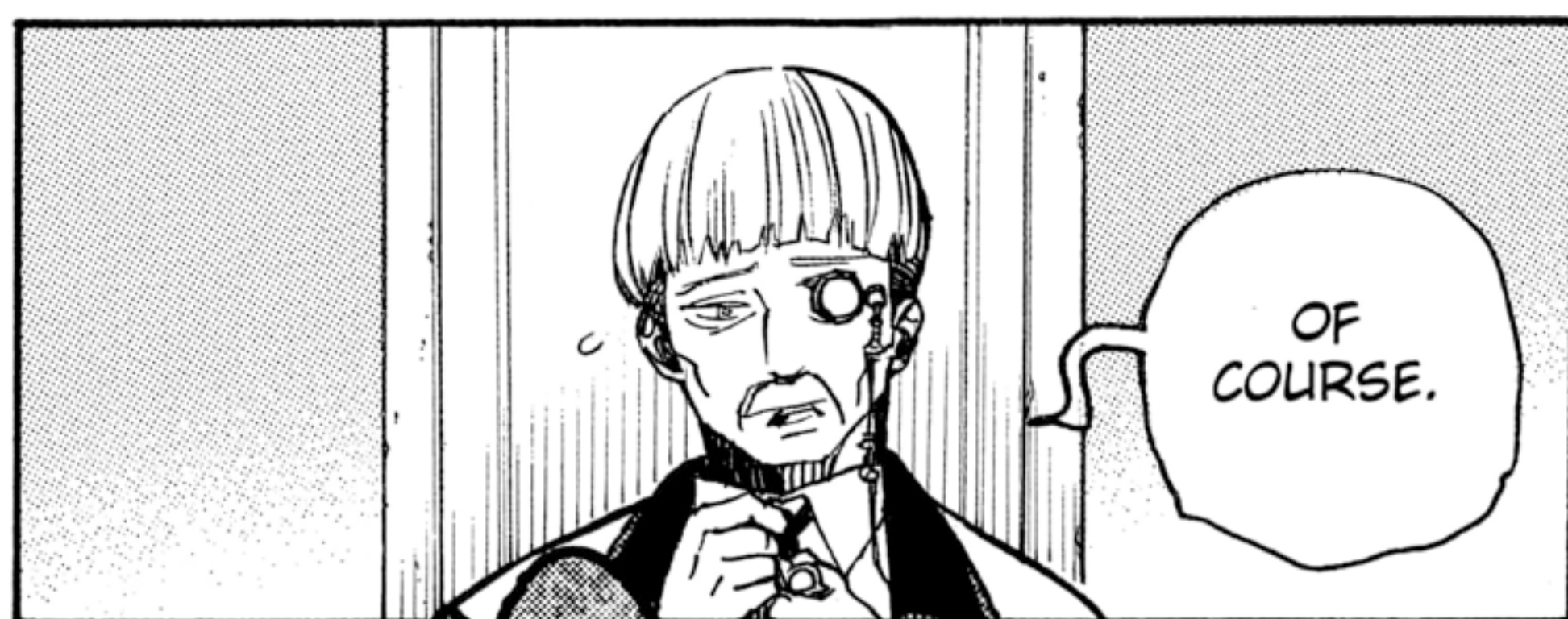
IF SECTION 13
HADN'T CLOSED
AND ITS
RESEARCH HAD
INDEED
CONTINUED...

I'M SURE HE
WANTED TO
CONTINUE
THE
RESEARCH.

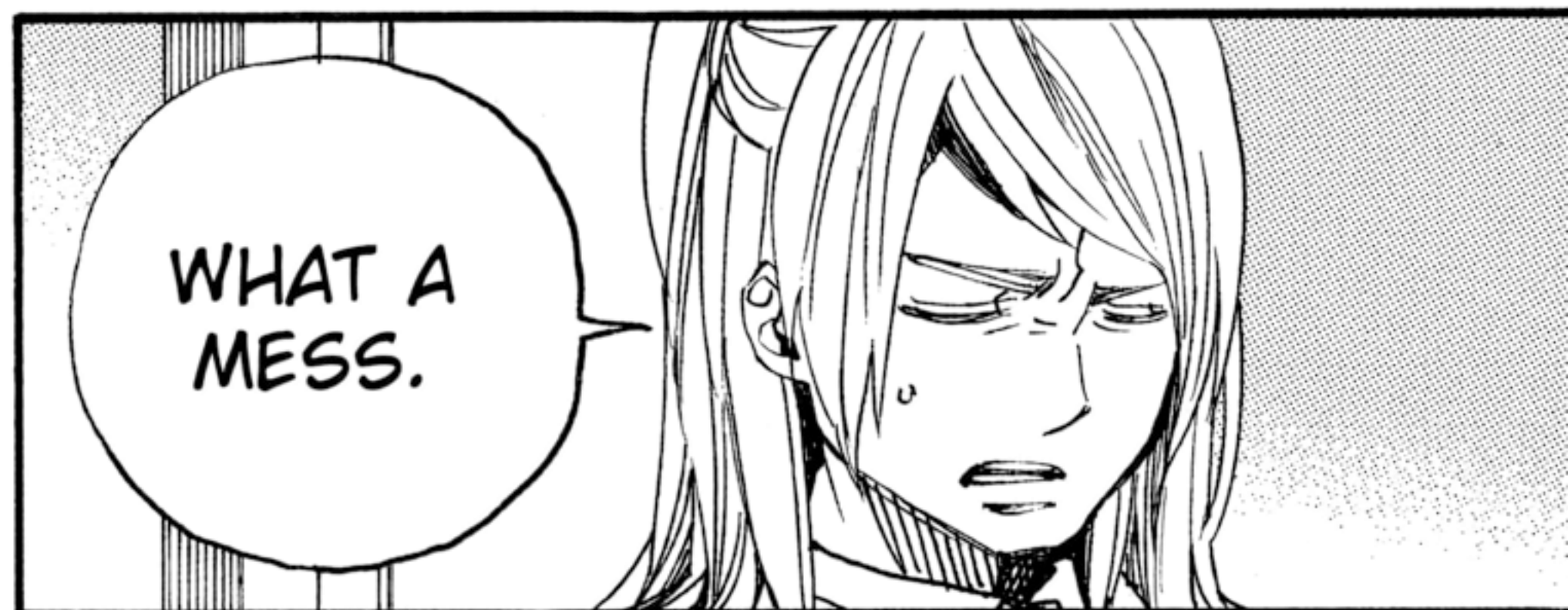
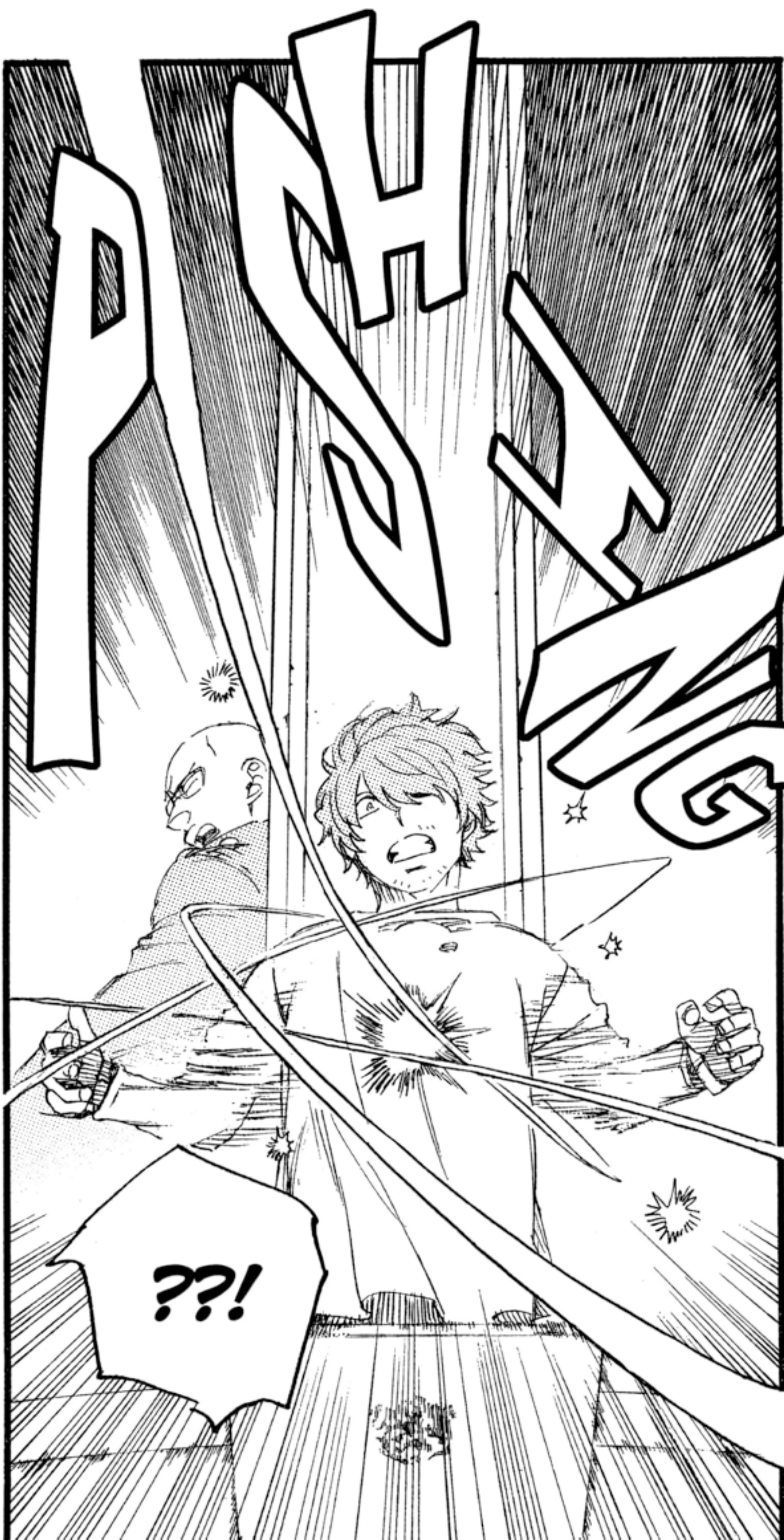
...THE DOCTOR
WOULD CERTAINLY
HAVE PERFECTED
THE CLONING
TECHNOLOGY!

THE DOCTOR
PROBABLY
PERFECTED
THE CLONING
TECH JUST
IN TIME...

...SO I SUSPECT
HE AVOIDED THE
CONTRACT...**BY
REPLACING
HIMSELF FROM
THE NECK DOWN!**









"MAAKA
ENBURIO..."



**SEIZE
HIM!!**

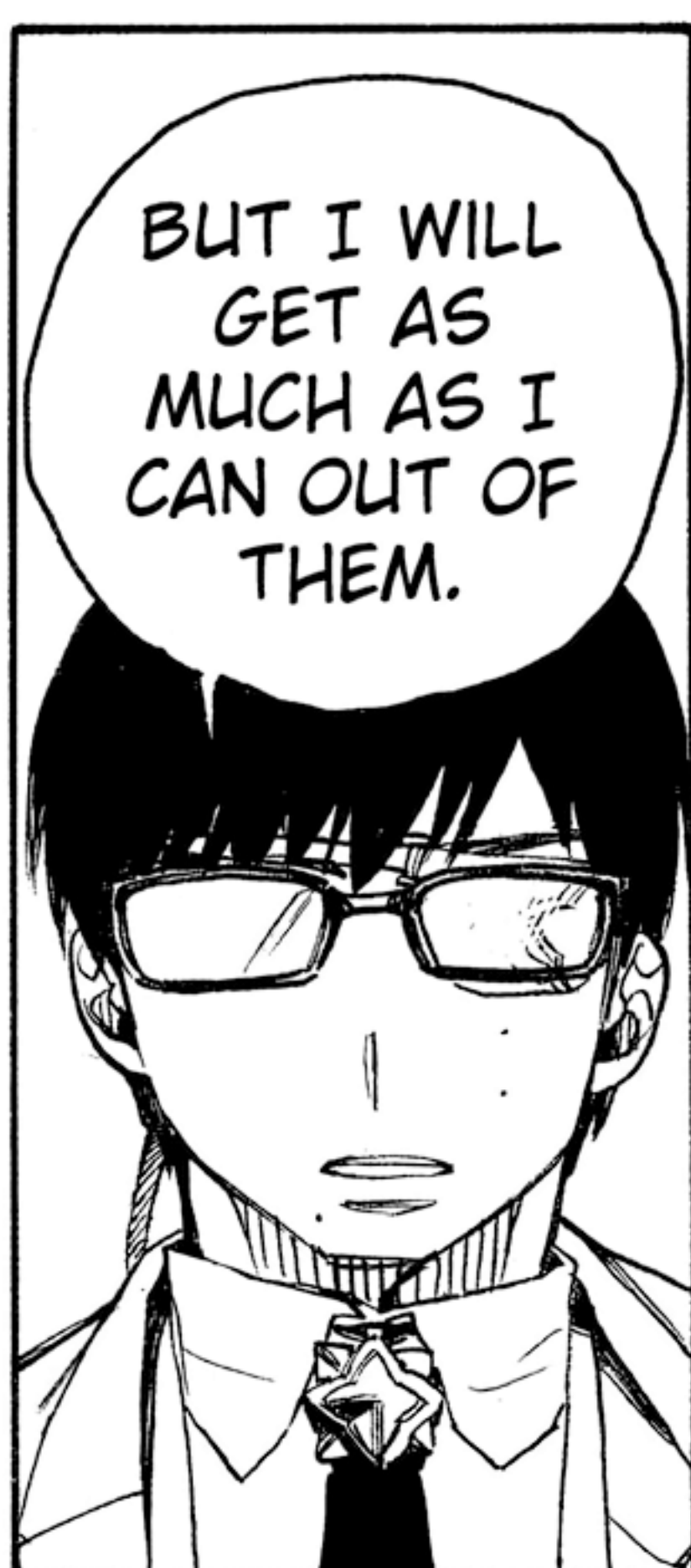
LEWIN!!

W...
**WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS?!**

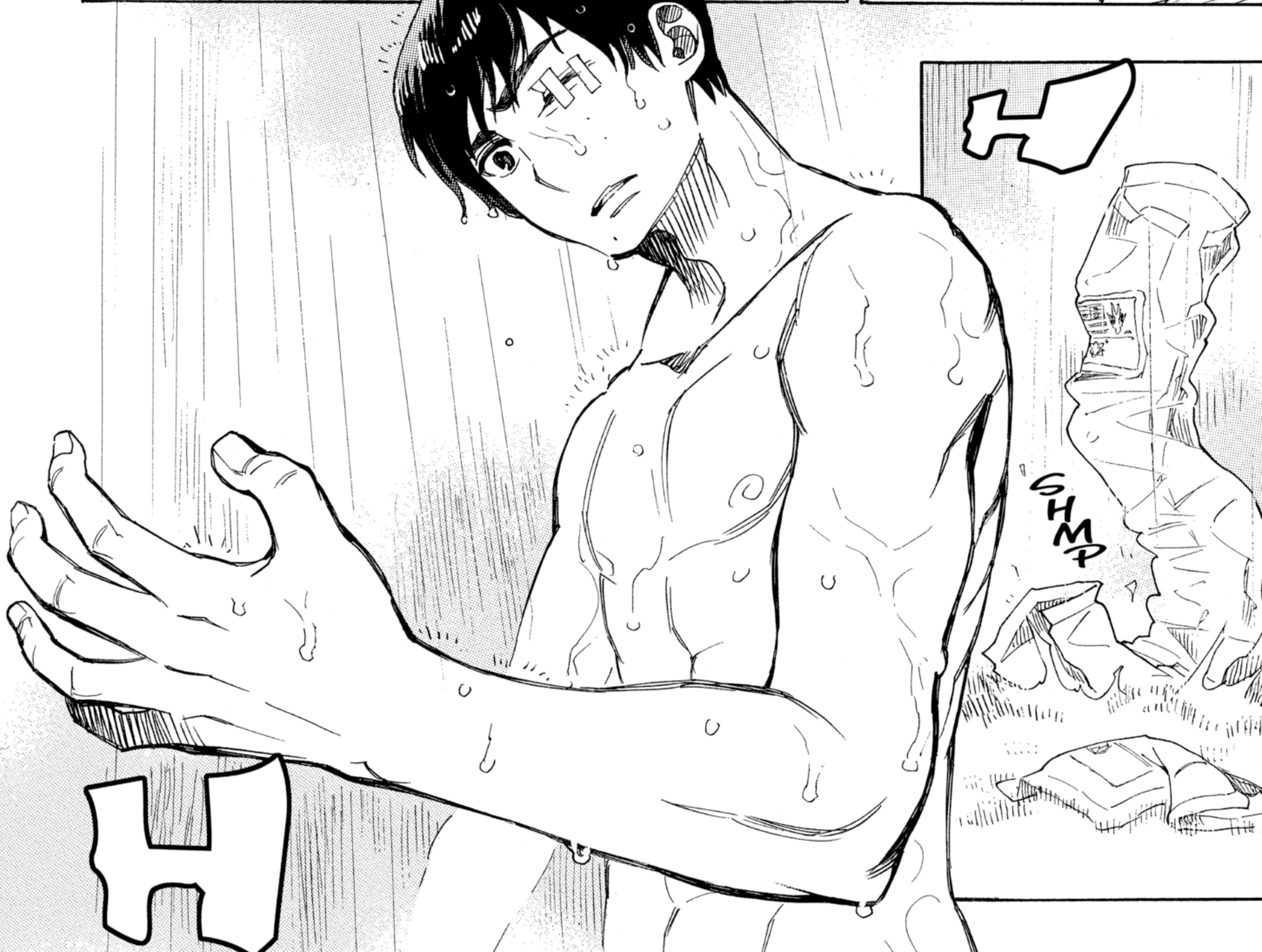
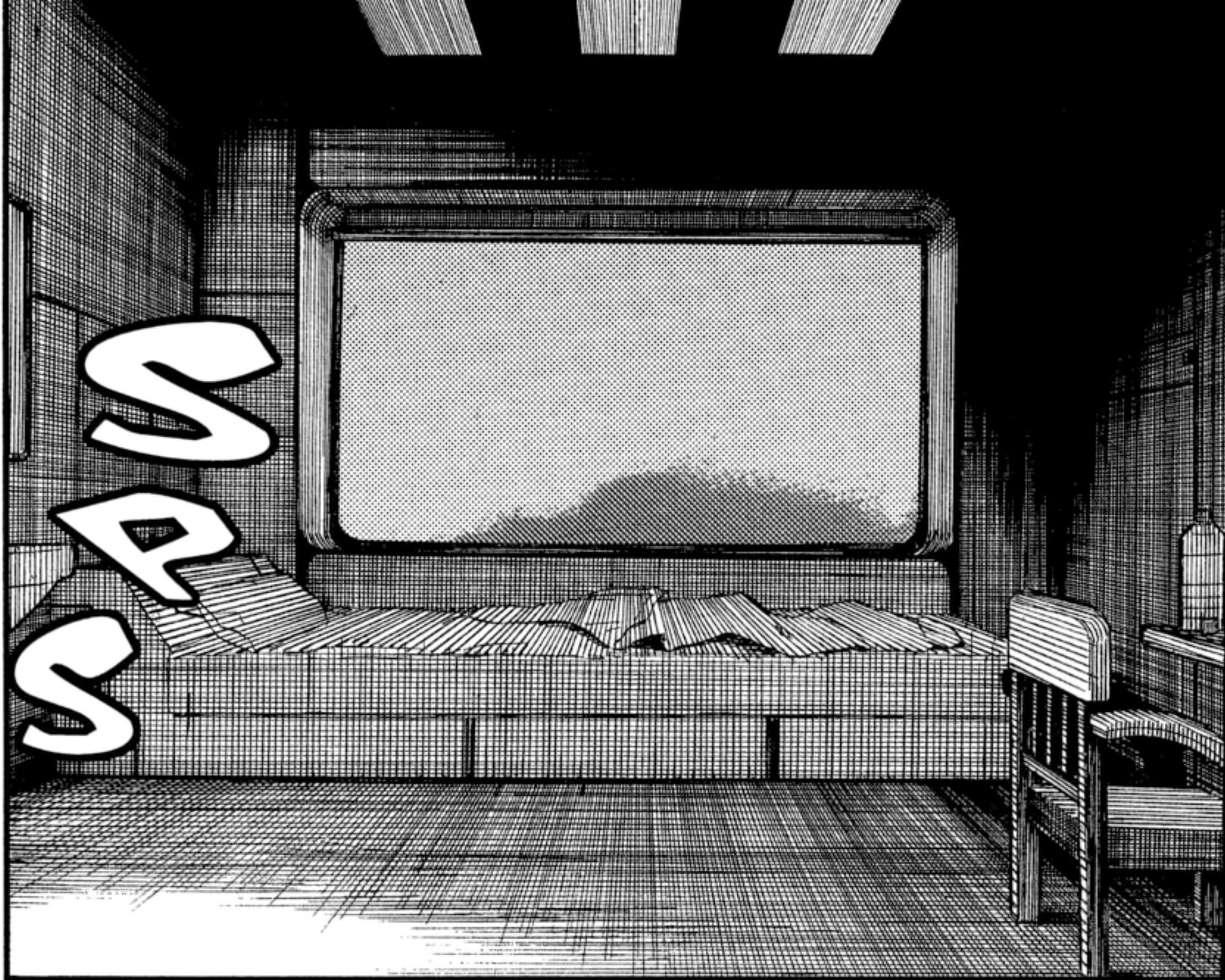


**THROW HIM
IN A DEEP,
DARK CELL!!**

**LIGHTNING!!
A SECOND
ATTACK ON AN
EXORCIST IS A
SERIOUS
CRIME!**












CHAPTER 111: SSC40:00B



IT DOESN'T
FEEL WEIRD
OR ANYTHING?



WHAT
AM I
DOING
TODAY?

YOU NEVER
KNOW! MAYBE
IT'LL GROW
EYES AND A
TALKING
MOUTH OR
SOMETHING!



REALLY?

NO.



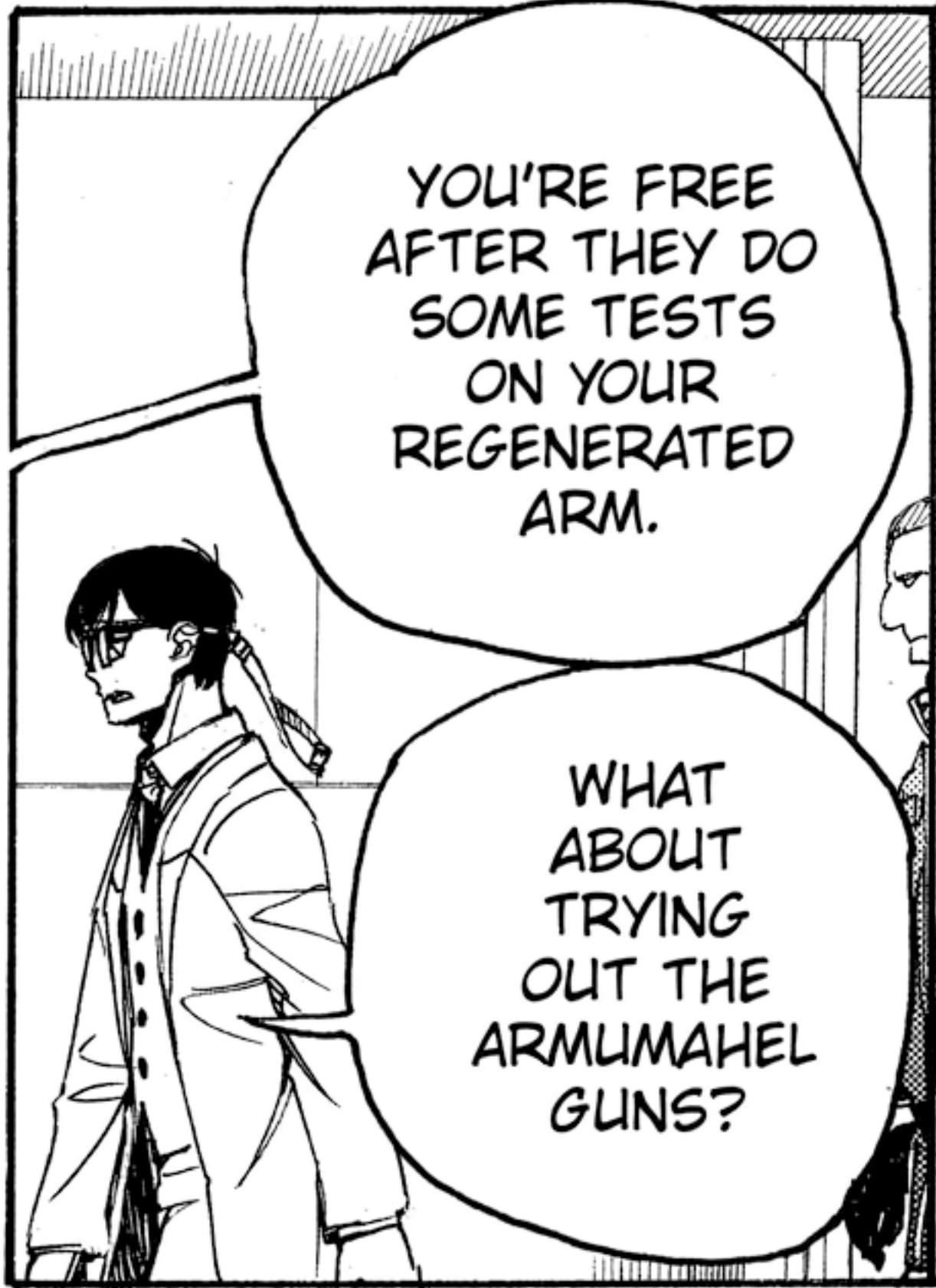
AND THE
COMMANDER
WANTS TO
SEE YOU
TODAY.

HE'S
HEALTHY
AND IN FINE
SPIRITS.



...SO THE
ENTIRE LAB
IS CLOSED.

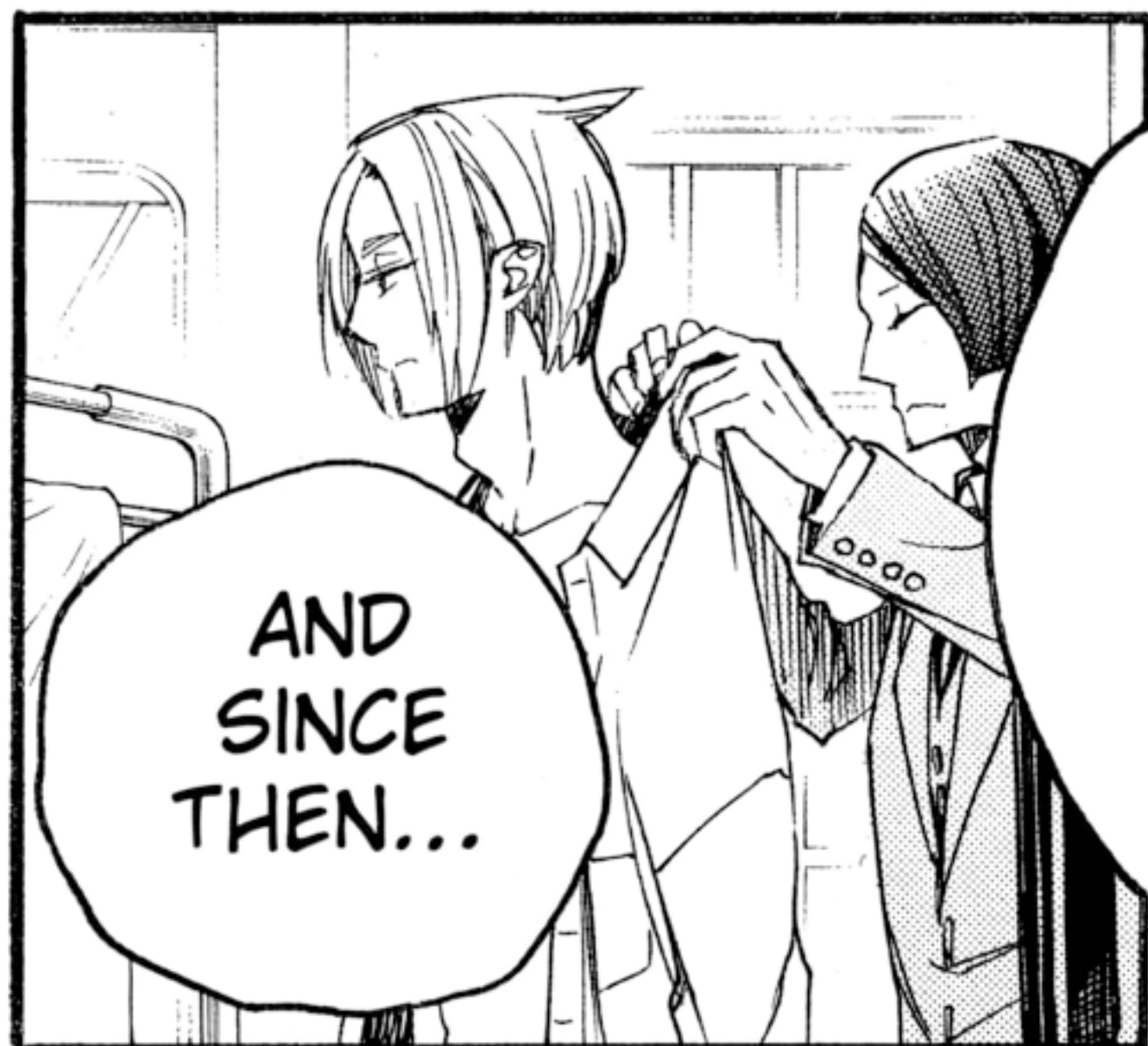
THEY JUST
SCHEDULED
AN IMPORTANT
EXPERIMENT...



YOU'RE FREE
AFTER THEY DO
SOME TESTS
ON YOUR
REGENERATED
ARM.

WHAT
ABOUT
TRYING
OUT THE
ARMUMAHHEL
GUNS?





AND
SINCE
THEN...

...SO THEY
DIDN'T
SUCCEED
UNTIL A
MONTH AGO.

BUT MAKING
BODIES FOR
POSSESSION
BY DEMONS IS
DIFFICULT...

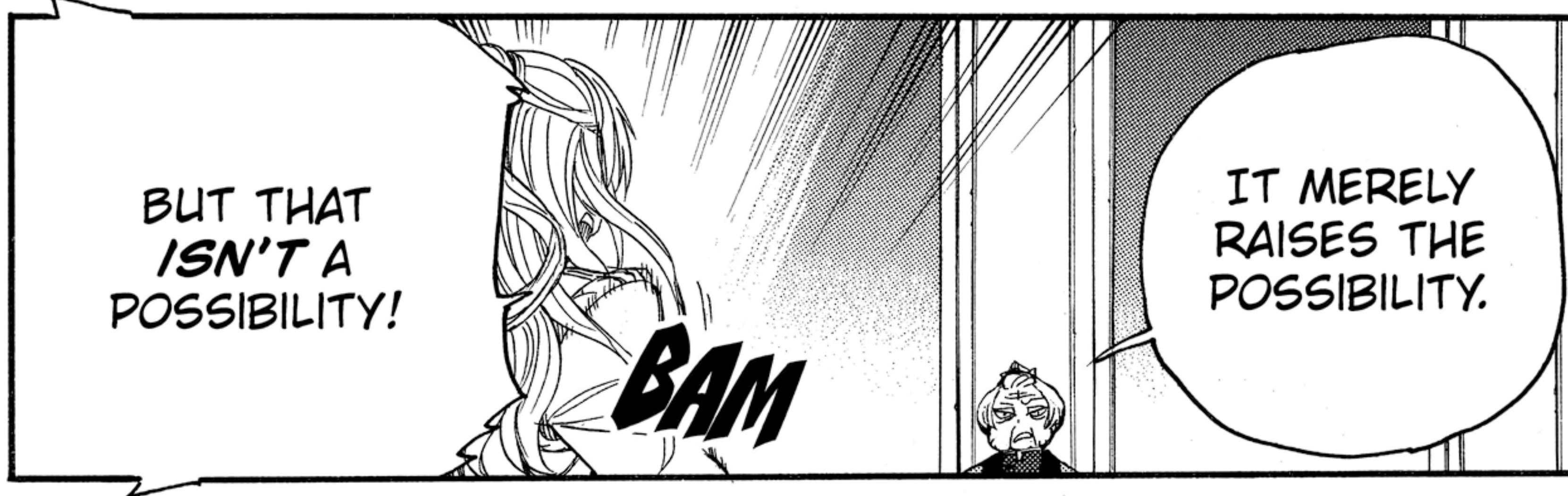
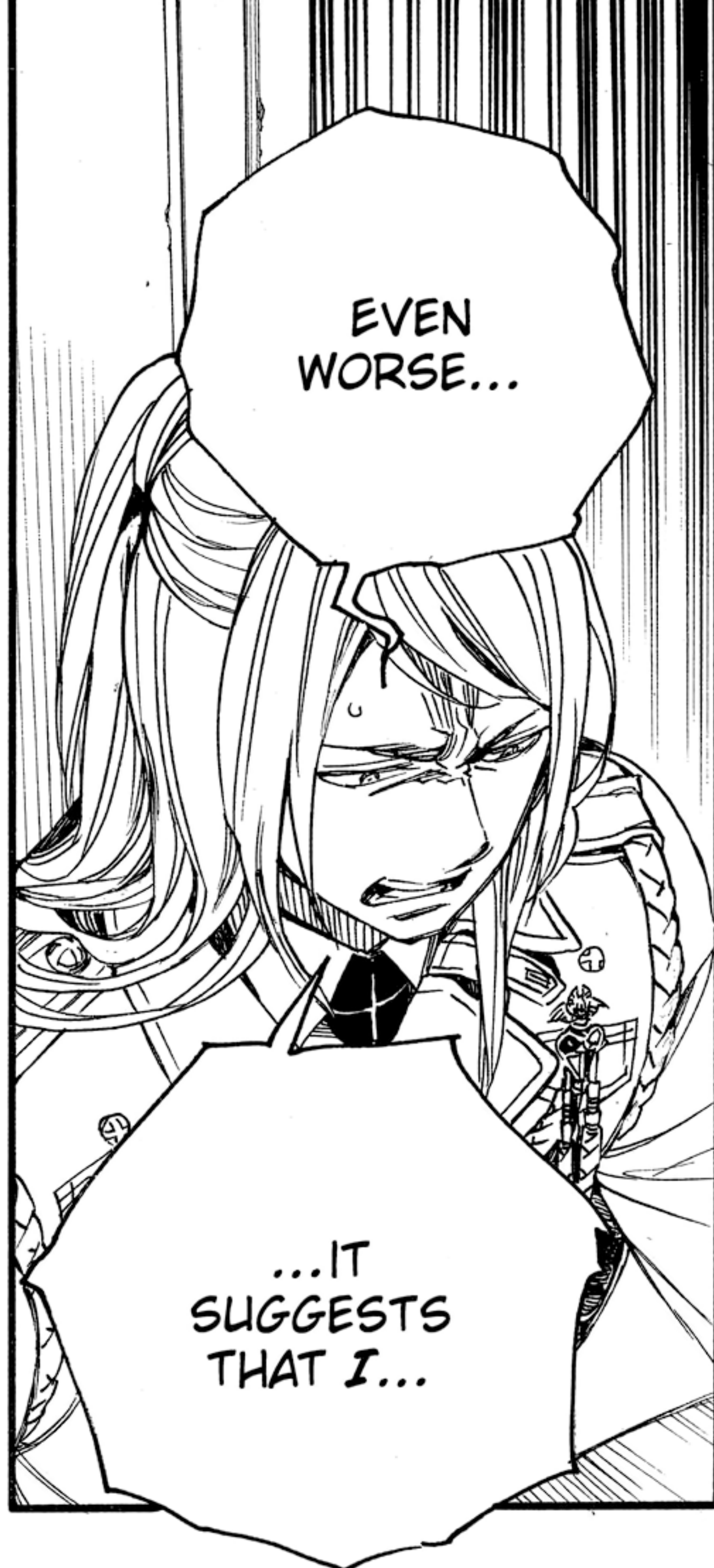


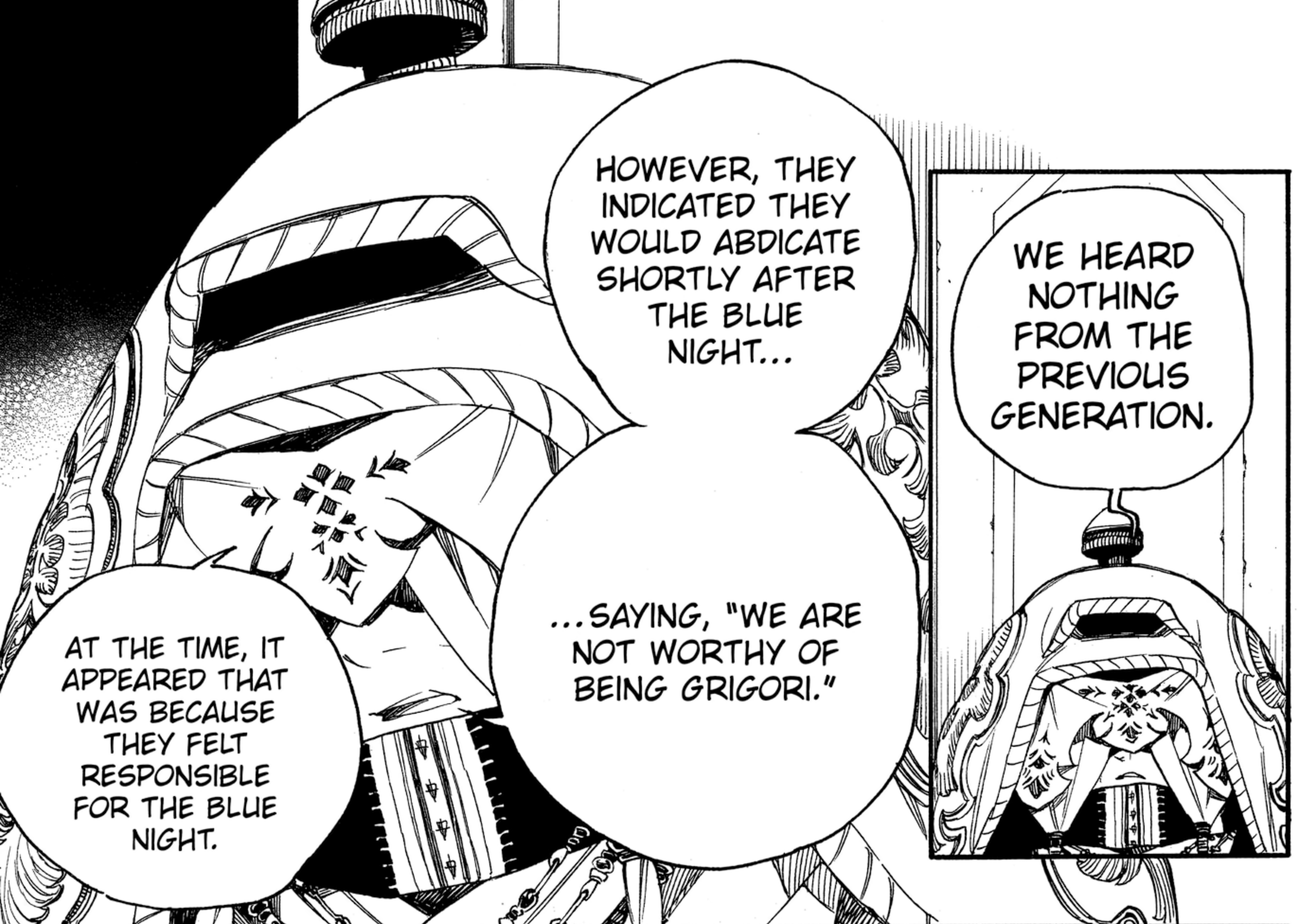
...HE HAS CHANGED
HIS BODY FROM
THE NECK DOWN AT
LEAST THREE
TIMES!!

IT'S LIKE
A HORROR
MOVIE!



HE CAN
REPLACE
HIS HEAD!



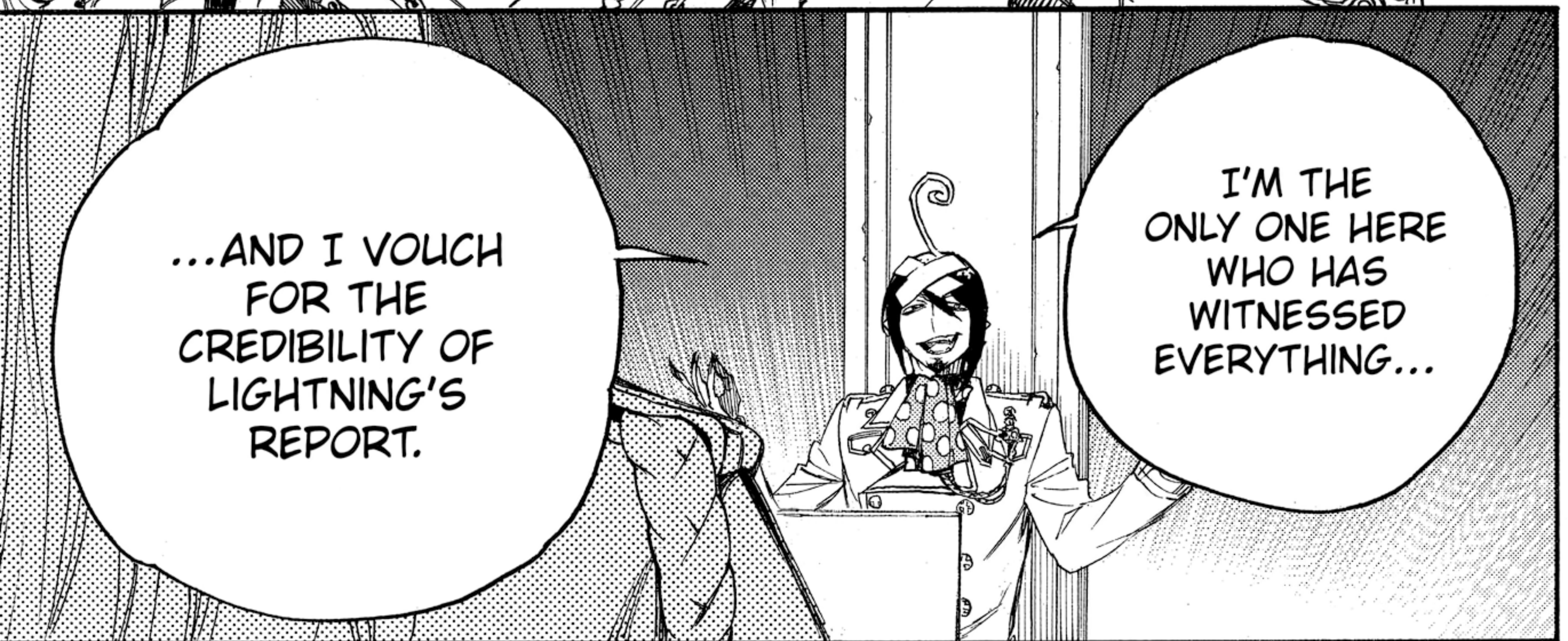


HOWEVER, THEY
INDICATED THEY
WOULD ABDICATE
SHORTLY AFTER
THE BLUE
NIGHT...

WE HEARD
NOTHING
FROM THE
PREVIOUS
GENERATION.

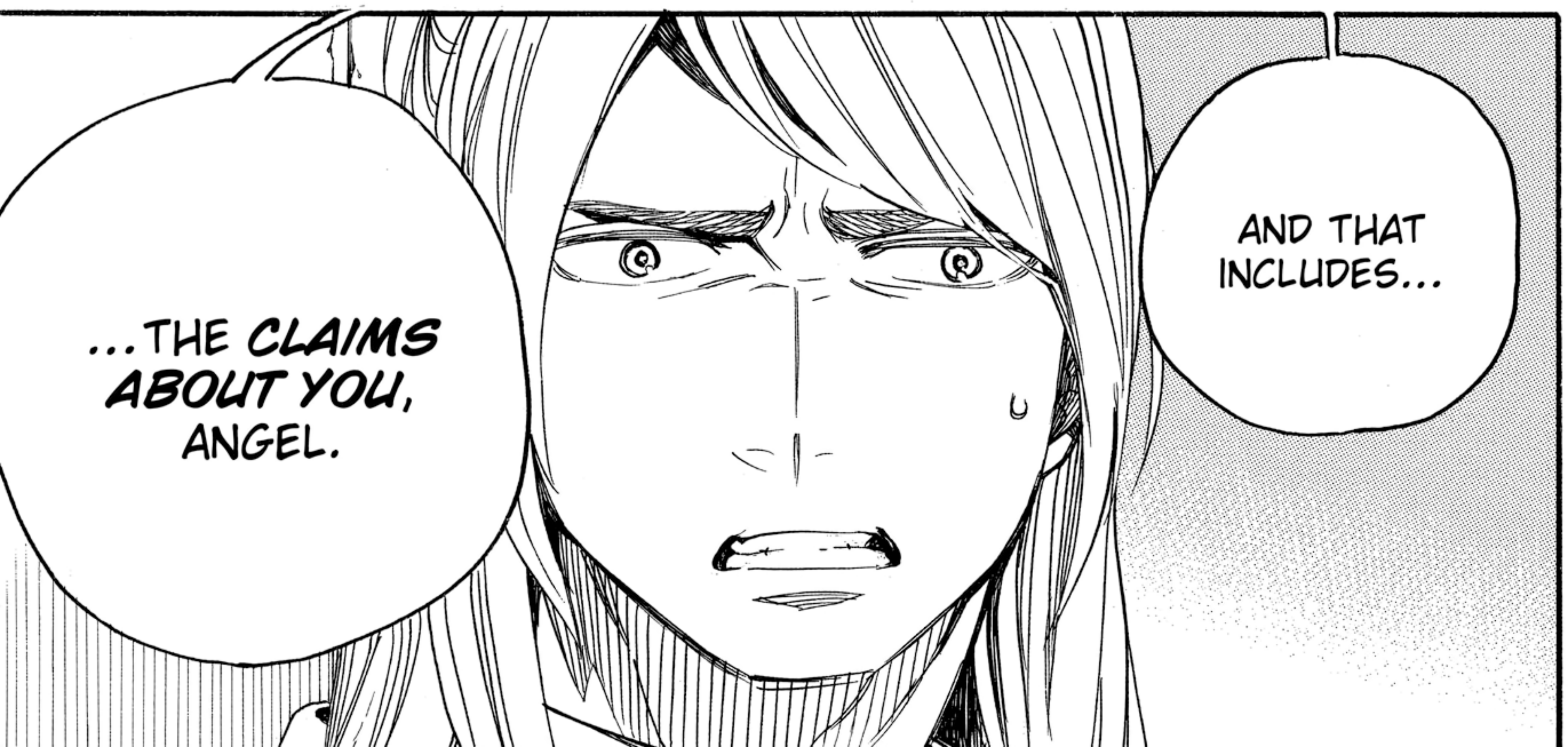
AT THE TIME, IT
APPEARED THAT
WAS BECAUSE
THEY FELT
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE BLUE
NIGHT.

...SAYING, "WE ARE
NOT WORTHY OF
BEING GRIGORI."



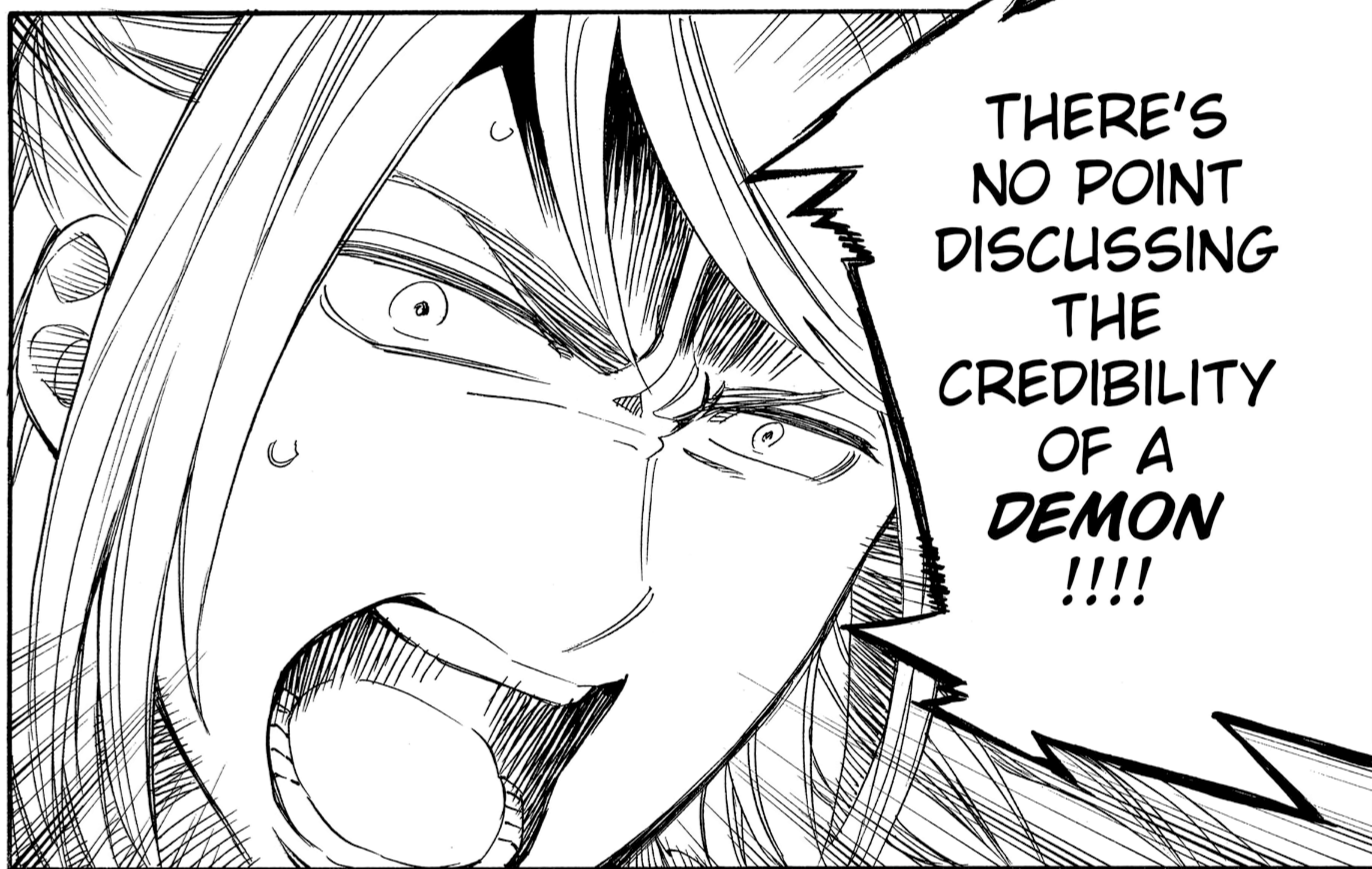
...AND I VOUCH
FOR THE
CREDIBILITY OF
LIGHTNING'S
REPORT.

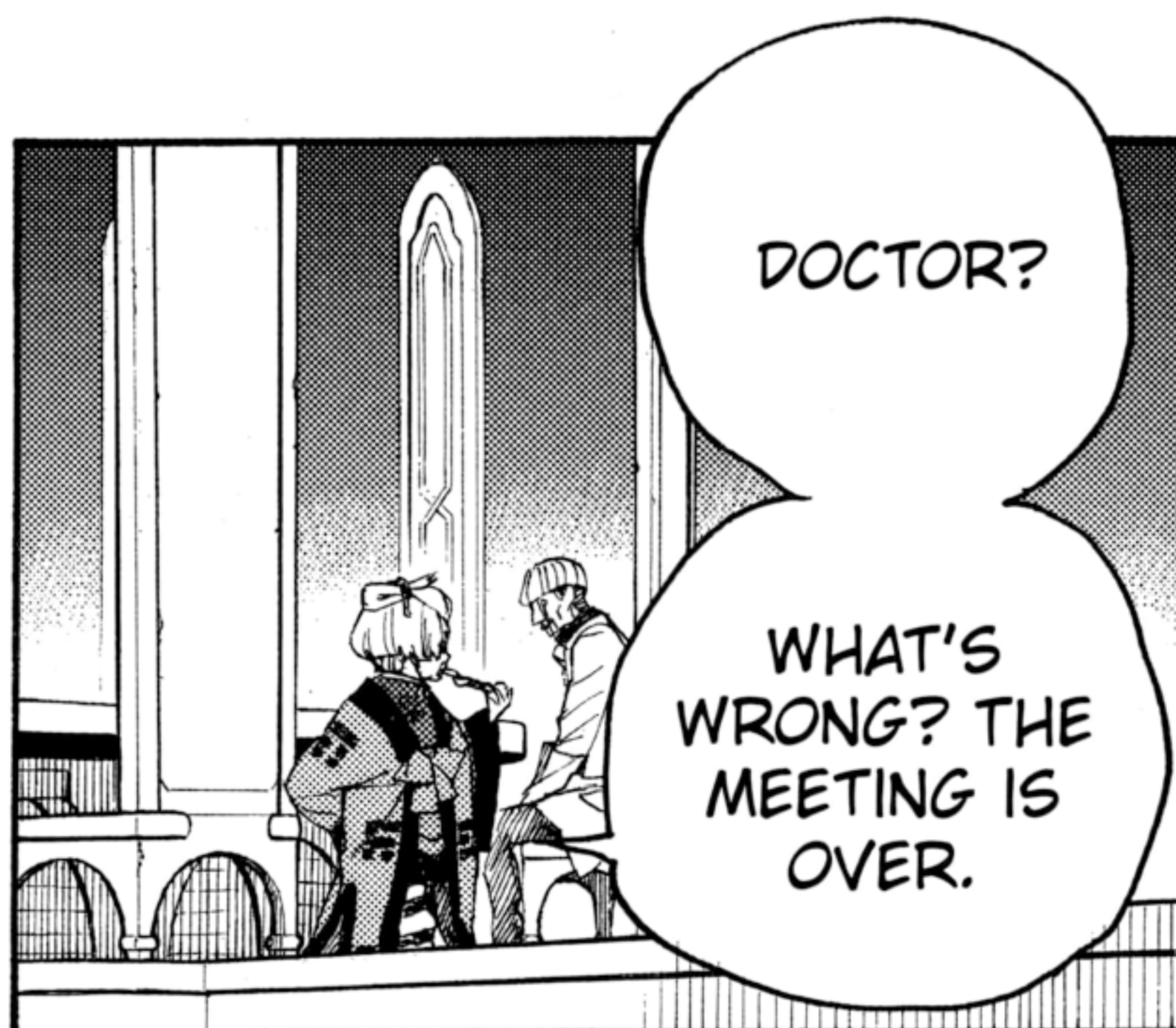
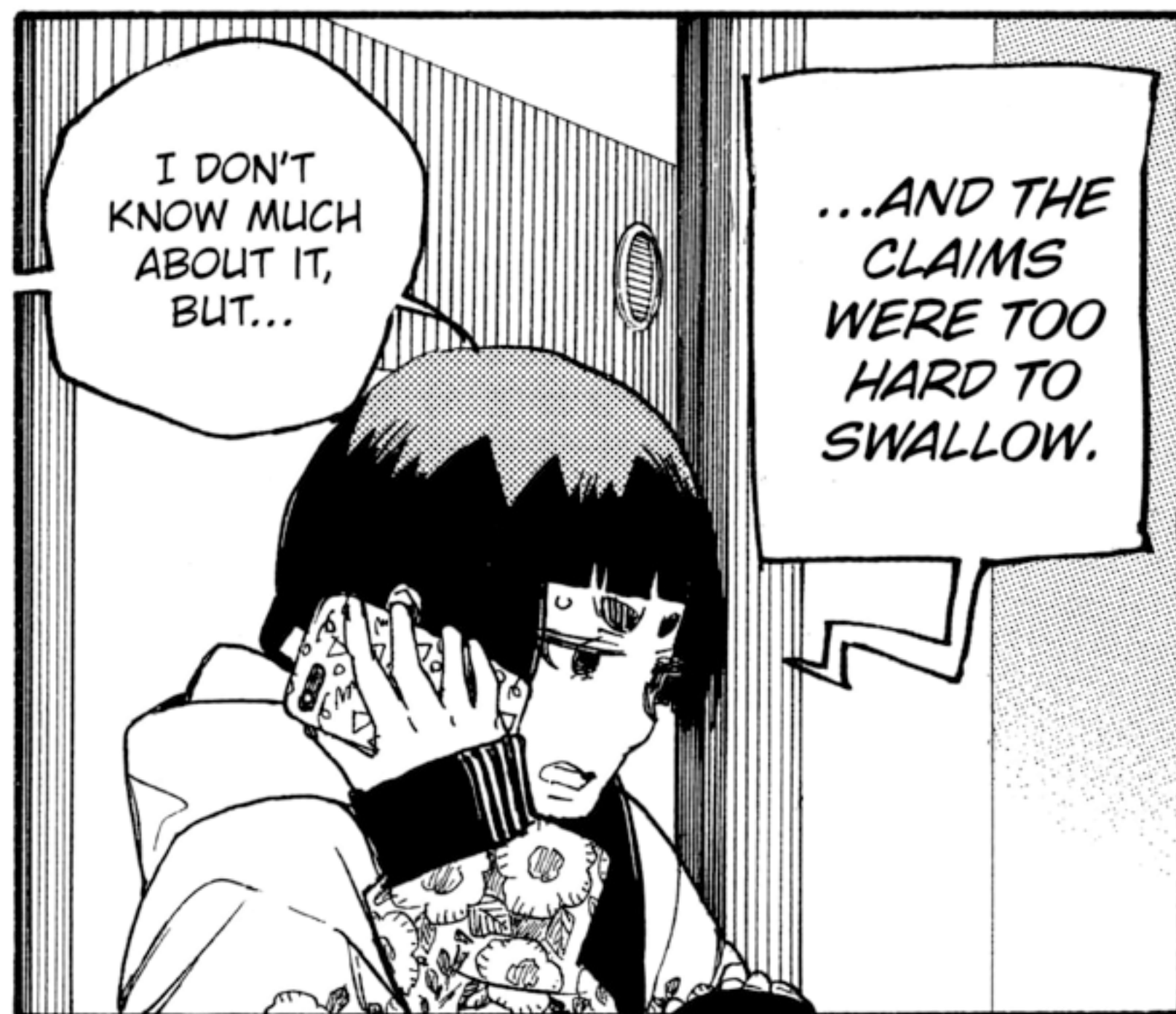
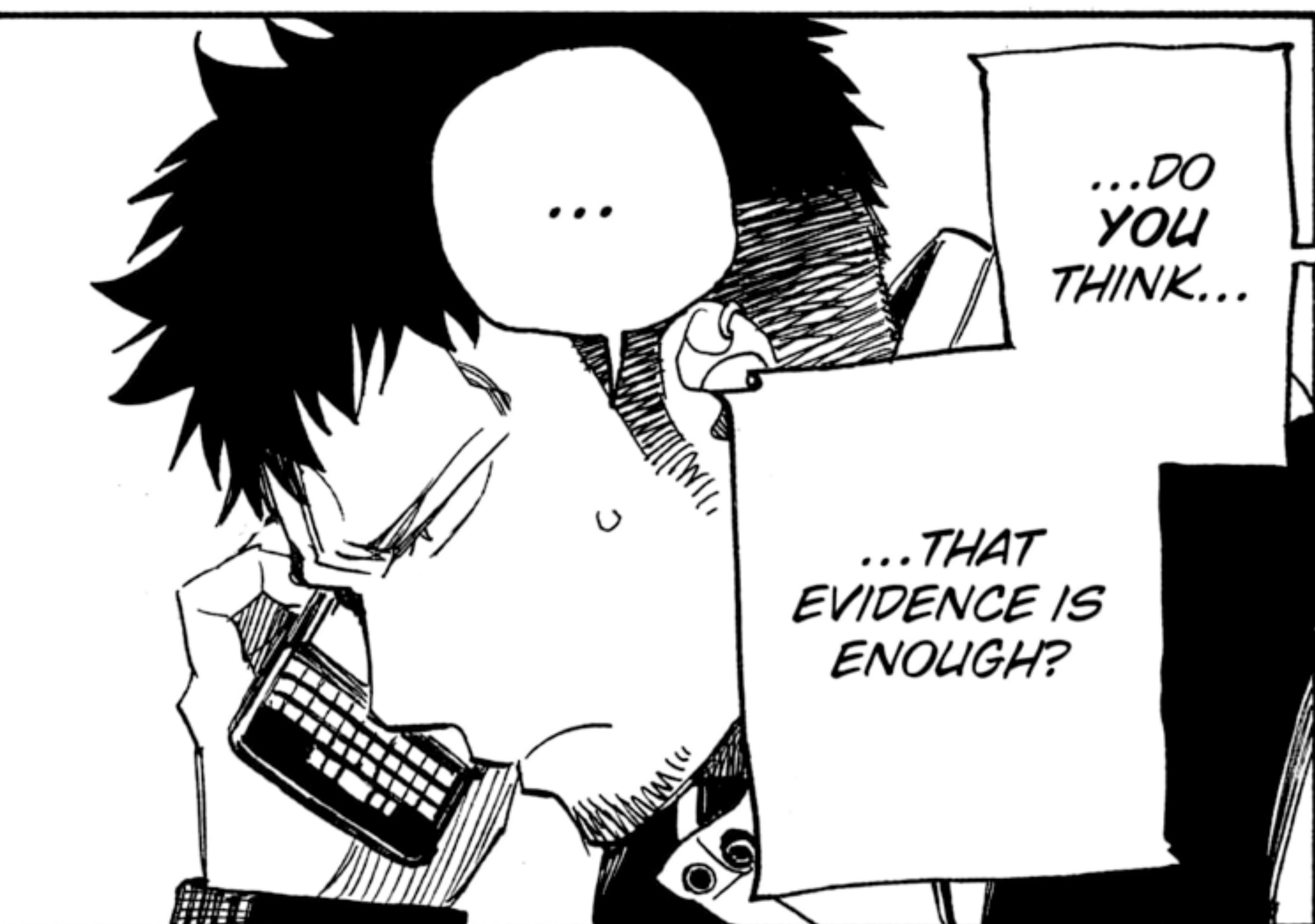
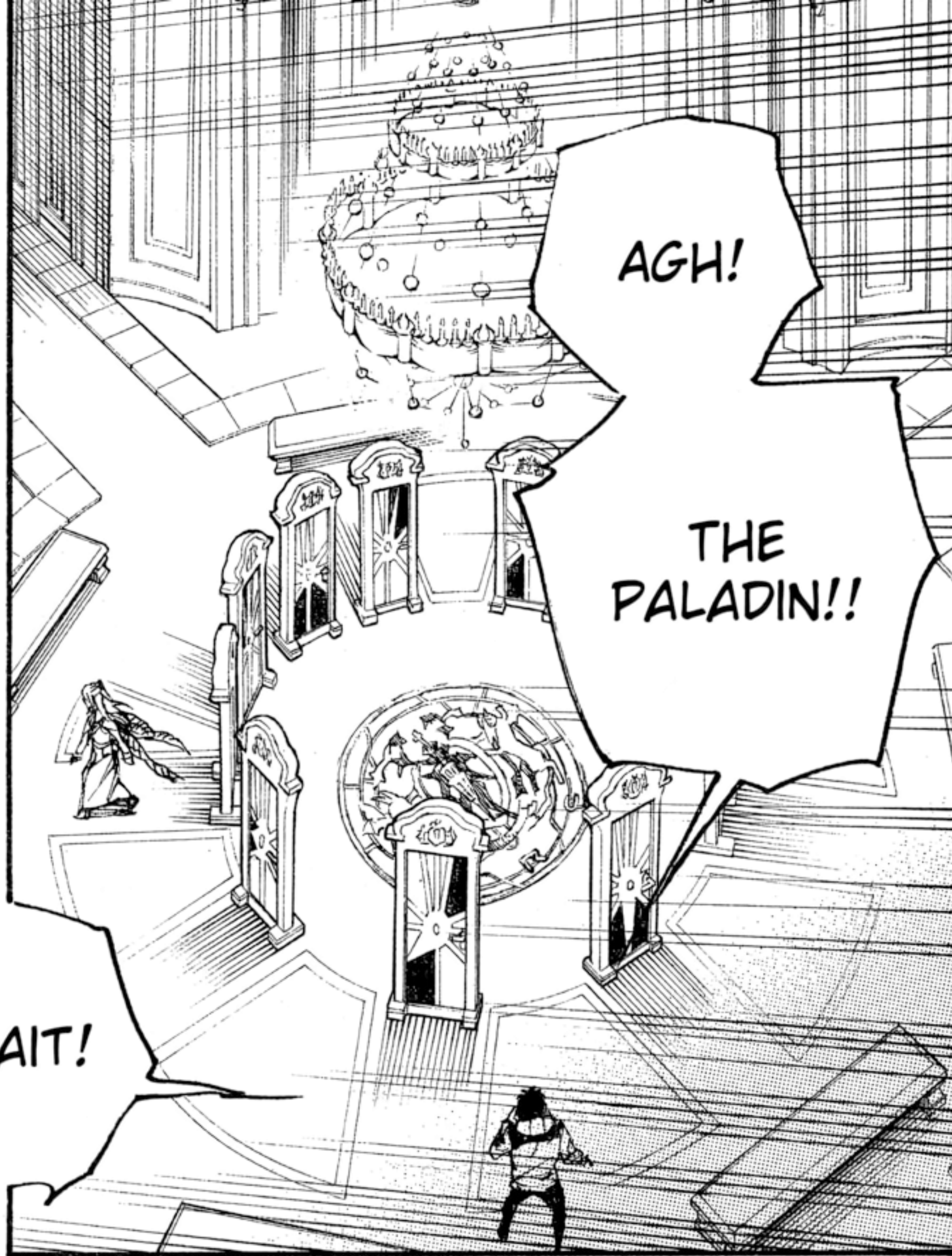
I'M THE
ONLY ONE HERE
WHO HAS
WITNESSED
EVERYTHING...

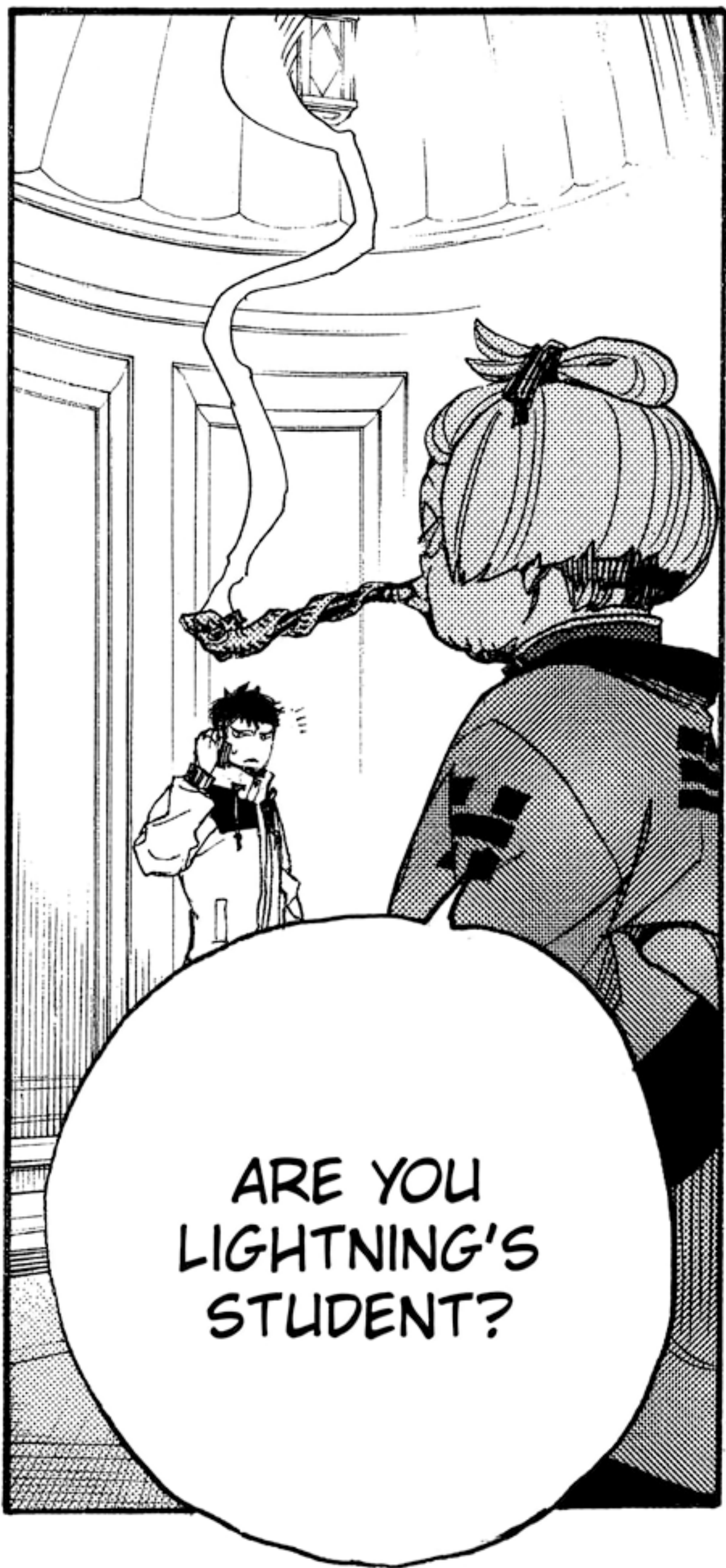
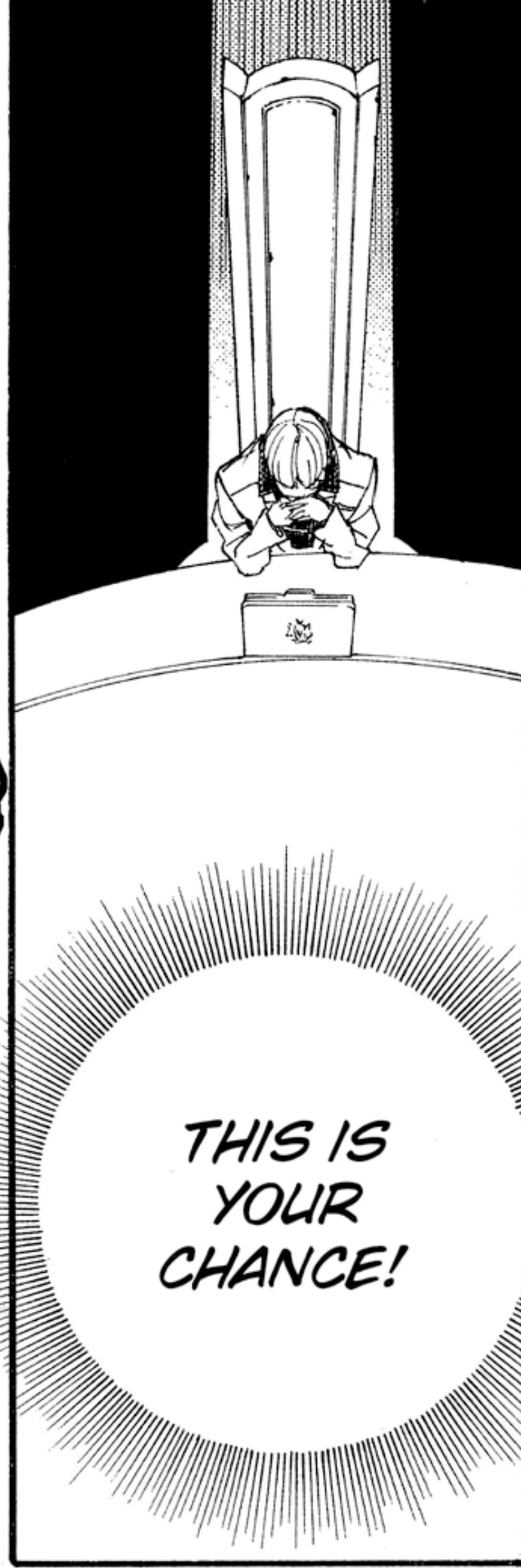


...THE **CLAIMS**
ABOUT YOU,
ANGEL.

AND THAT
INCLUDES...









HUH?

...WHAT DO
YOU THINK OF
LIGHTNING?



MY NAME
IS RYUJI
SUGURO!

OR
RATHER...

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THE
EVIDENCE,
BOY?

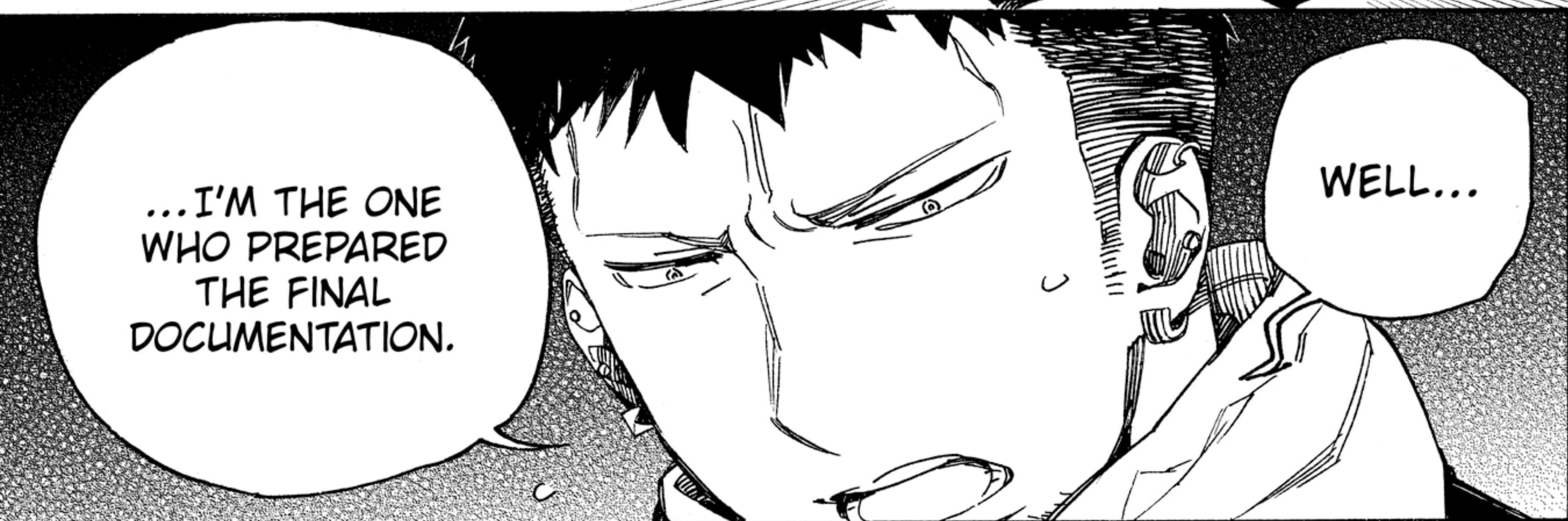


VENERABLE
MASTER
LUCY YANG!

!!!

THE ARCH
KNIGHT
KNOWN AS
THE WIELDER
OF
PHANTOMS!

...



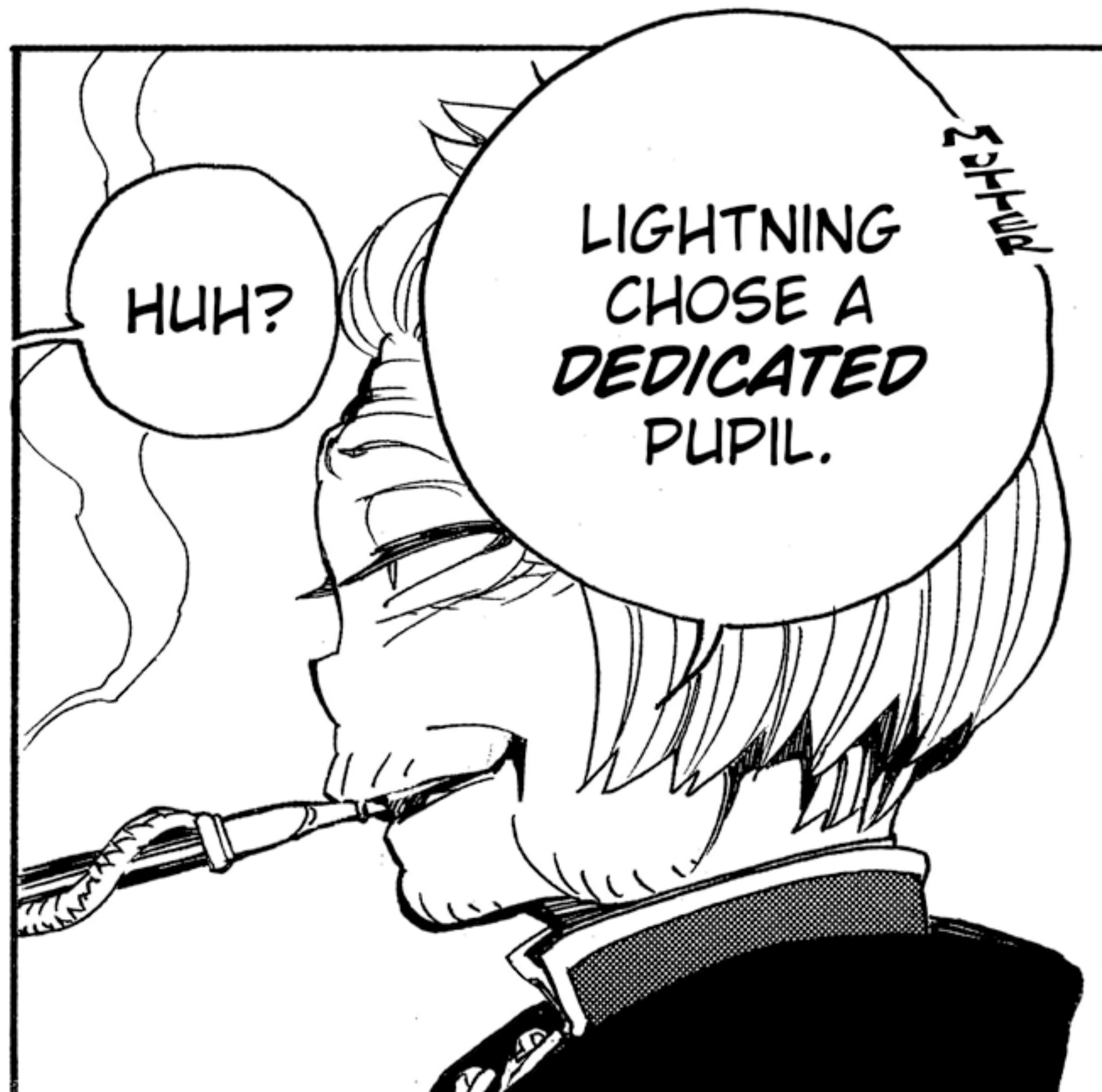
...I'M THE ONE
WHO PREPARED
THE FINAL
DOCUMENTATION.

WELL...



I THINK
I DON'T
TRUST THAT
LAMEBRAIN
SCOUNDREL
!!!

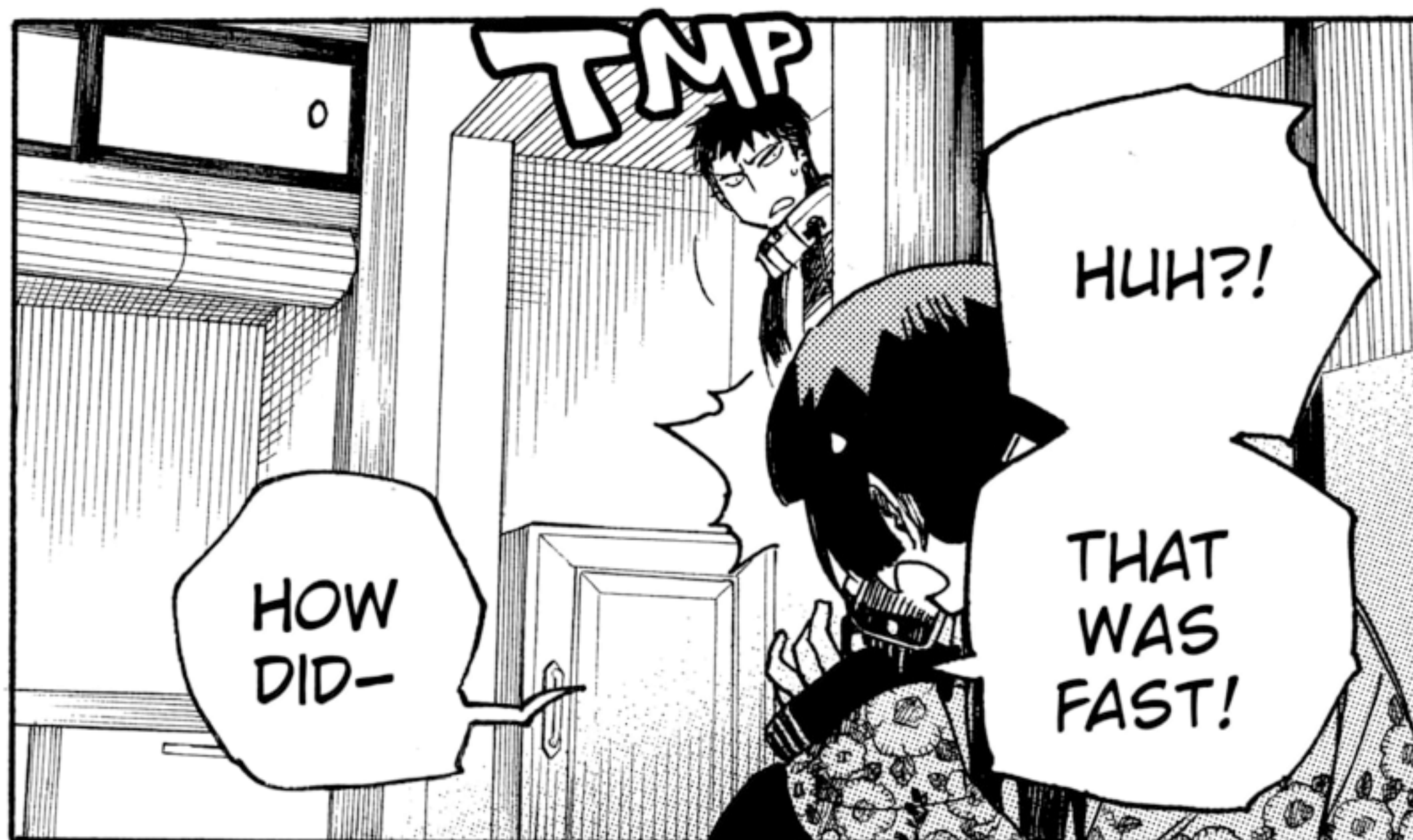
I THOUGHT HE TOOK
ME AS HIS STUDENT TO
HELP HIM MAKE DECISIONS,
BUT THEN HE GOES OFF
INVESTIGATING ALL
BY HIMSELF AND
TORTURES PEOPLE
RIGHT AND LEFT AND
HIDES EVIDENCE
FROM ME AND EVEN
FAKES SOME
SO YOU WANNA
KNOW WHAT
I THINK?!





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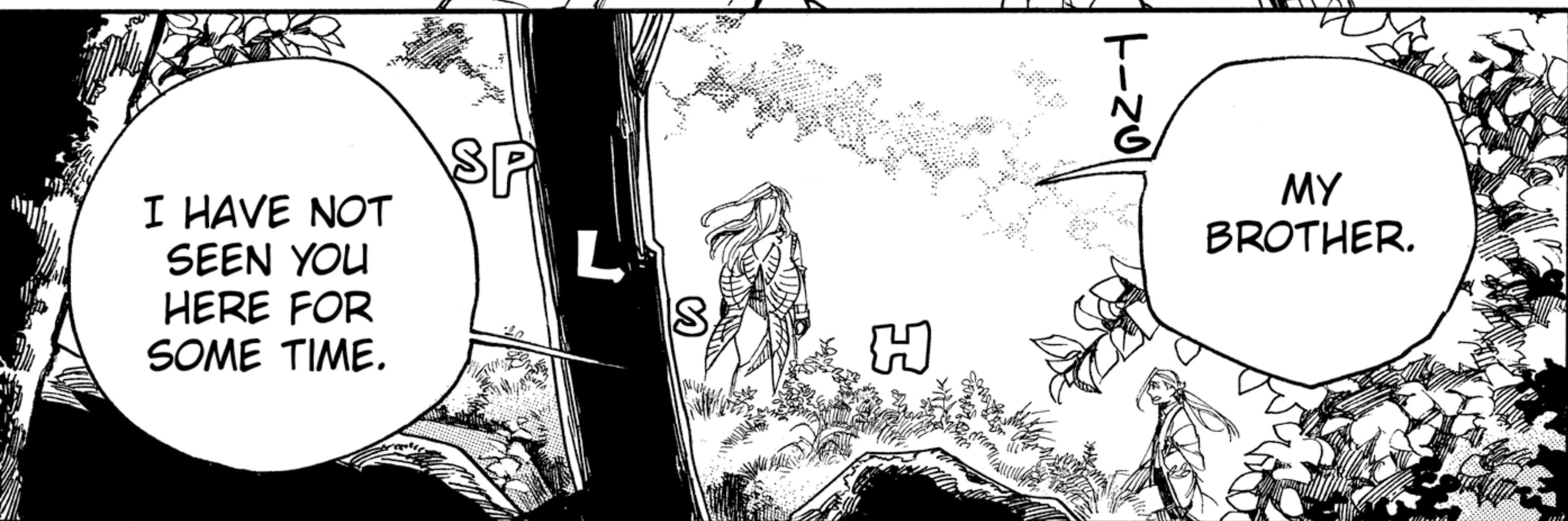
LS
HH







ARTHUR.

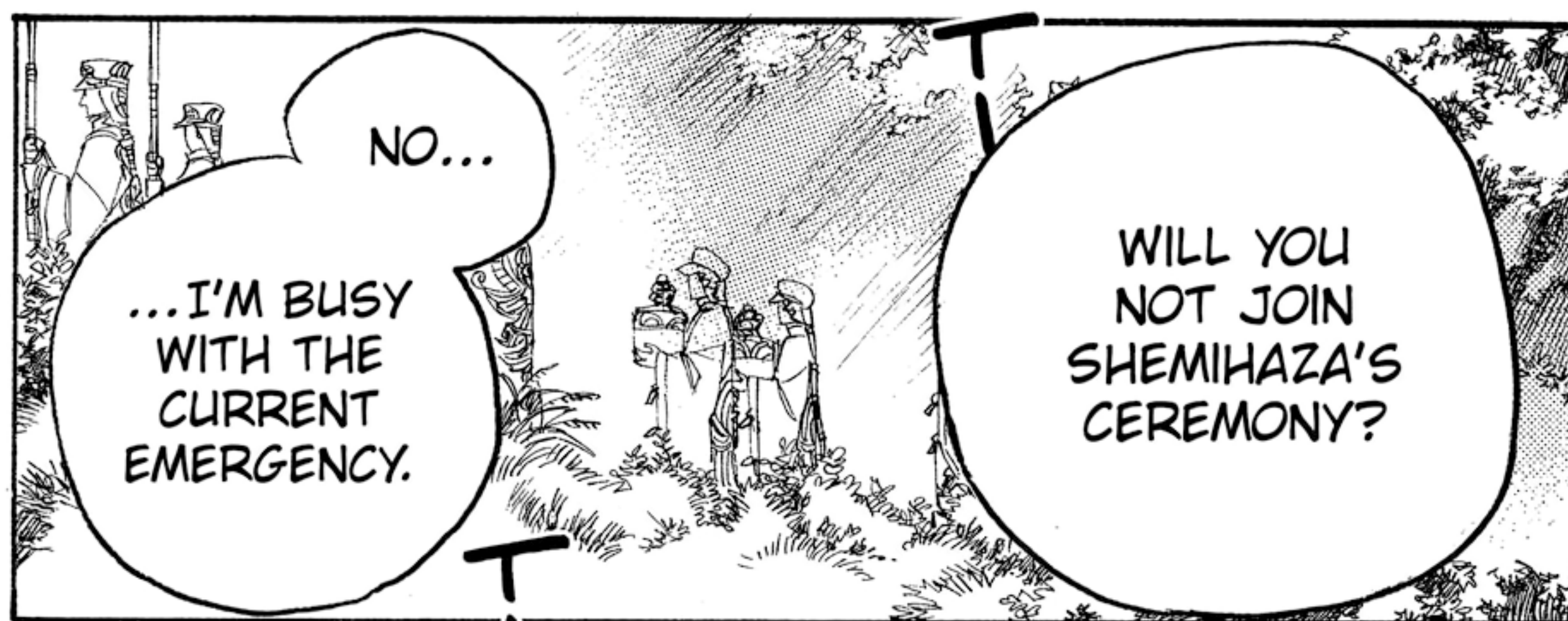


I HAVE NOT
SEEN YOU
HERE FOR
SOME TIME.

MY
BROTHER.



ARTHUR?



NO...

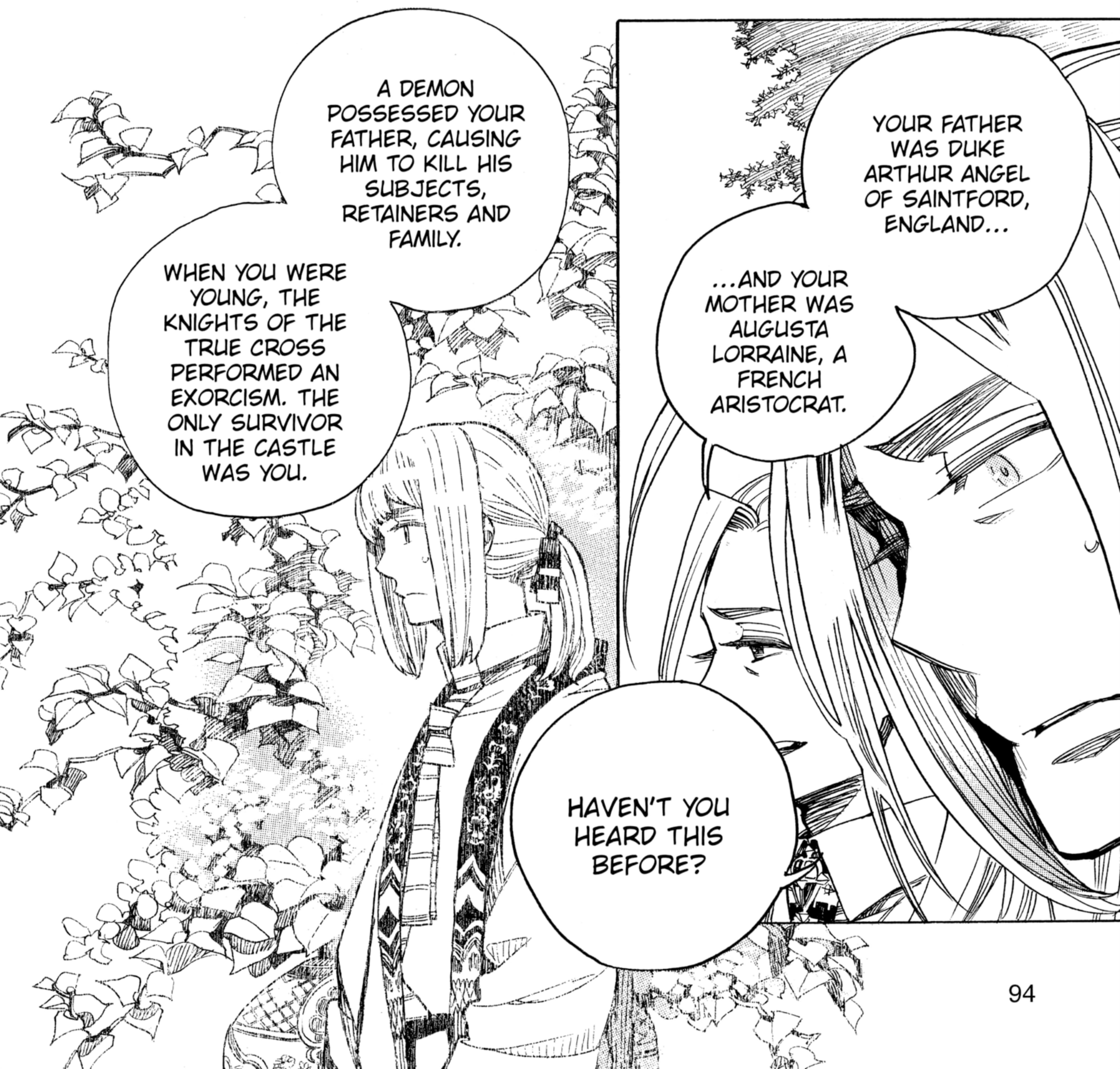
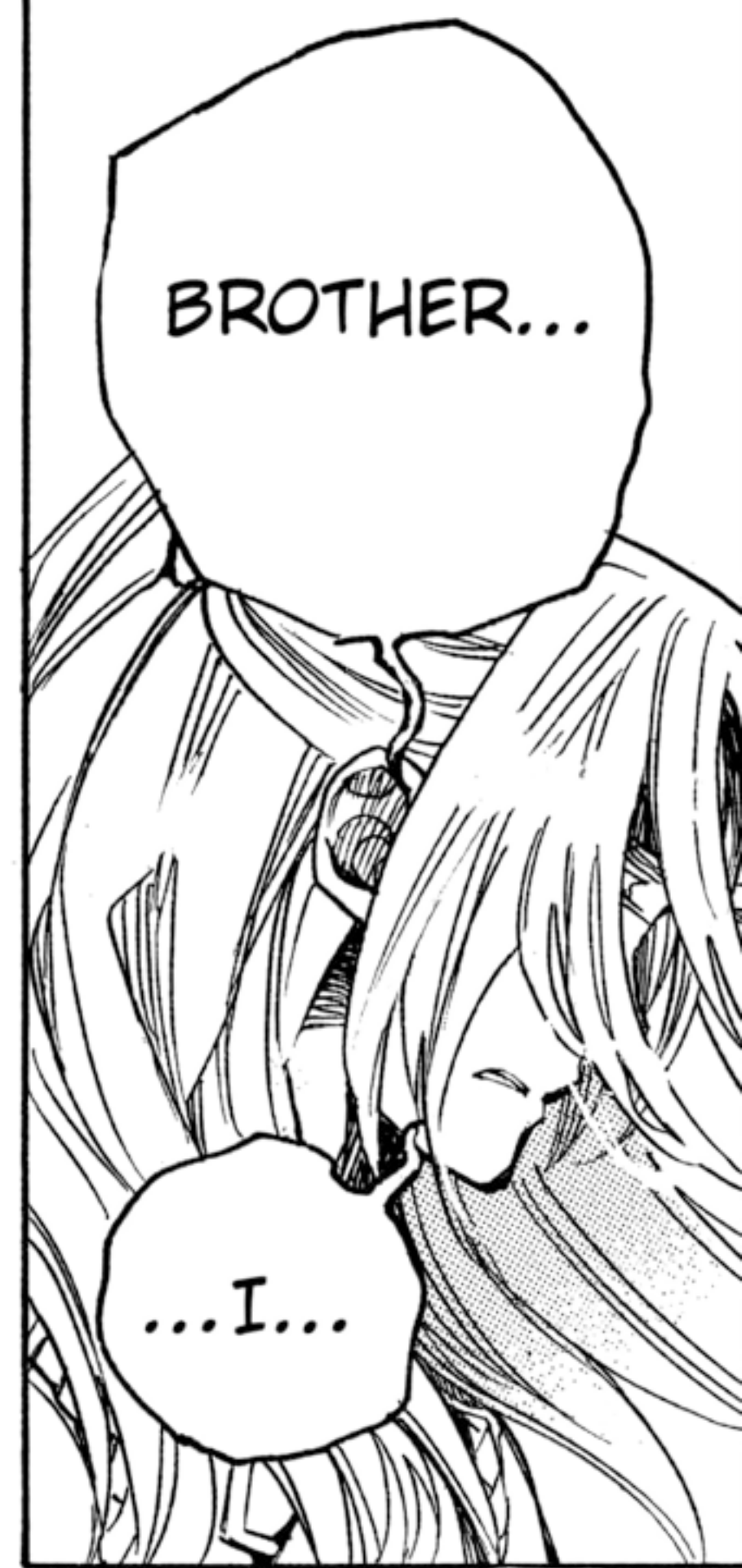
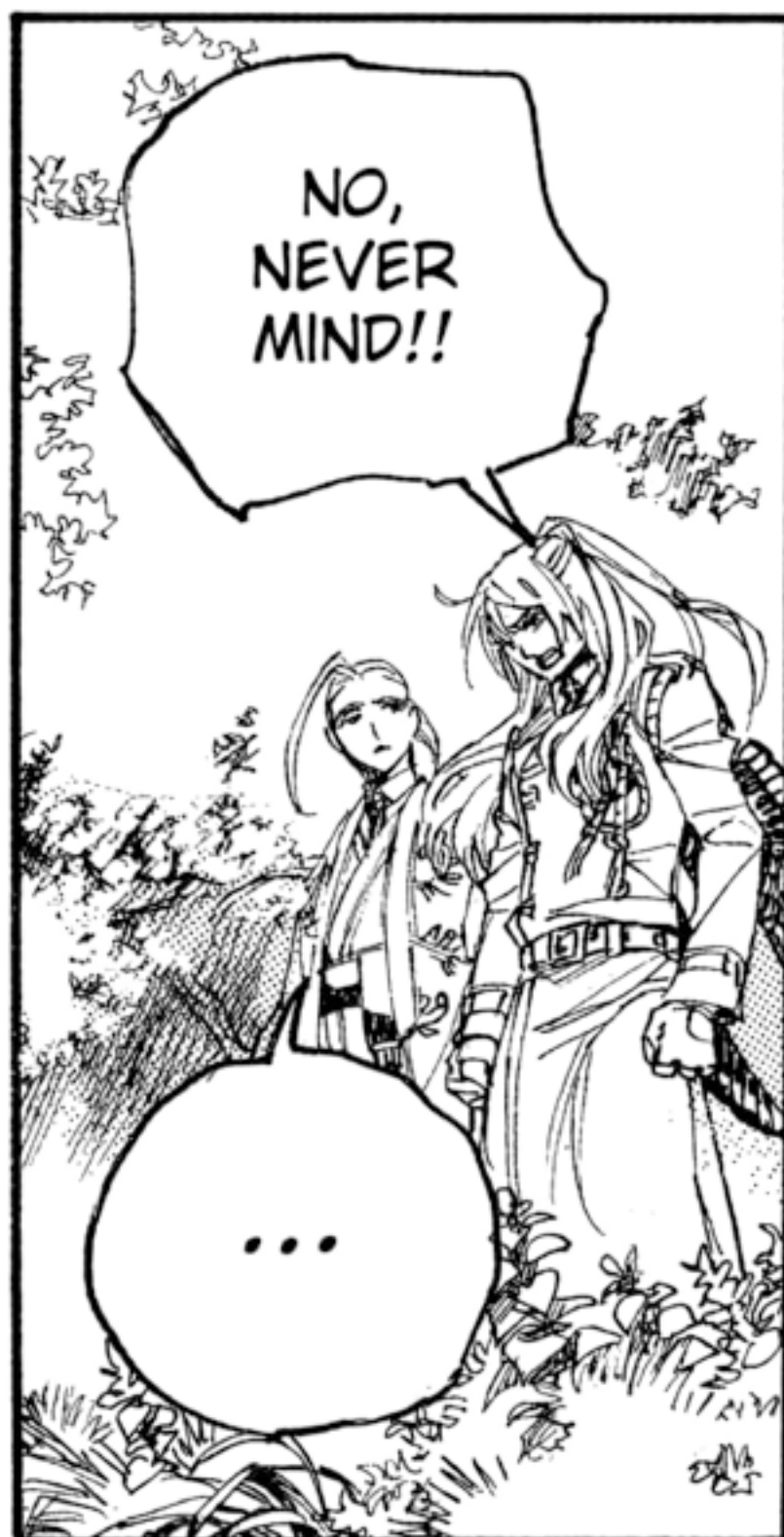
...I'M BUSY
WITH THE
CURRENT
EMERGENCY.

WILL YOU
NOT JOIN
SHEMHAZA'S
CEREMONY?



PERHAPS
YOU ARE
TIRED.

INDEED, THERE'S
NO COMPARISON
BETWEEN A HOLY
KNIGHT AND ME.



A DEMON
POSSESSED YOUR
FATHER, CAUSING
HIM TO KILL HIS
SUBJECTS,
RETAINERS AND
FAMILY.

WHEN YOU WERE
YOUNG, THE
KNIGHTS OF THE
TRUE CROSS
PERFORMED AN
EXORCISM. THE
ONLY SURVIVOR
IN THE CASTLE
WAS YOU.

YOUR FATHER
WAS DUKE
ARTHUR ANGEL
OF SAINTFORD,
ENGLAND...

...AND YOUR
MOTHER WAS
AUGUSTA
LORRAINE, A
FRENCH
ARISTOCRAT.

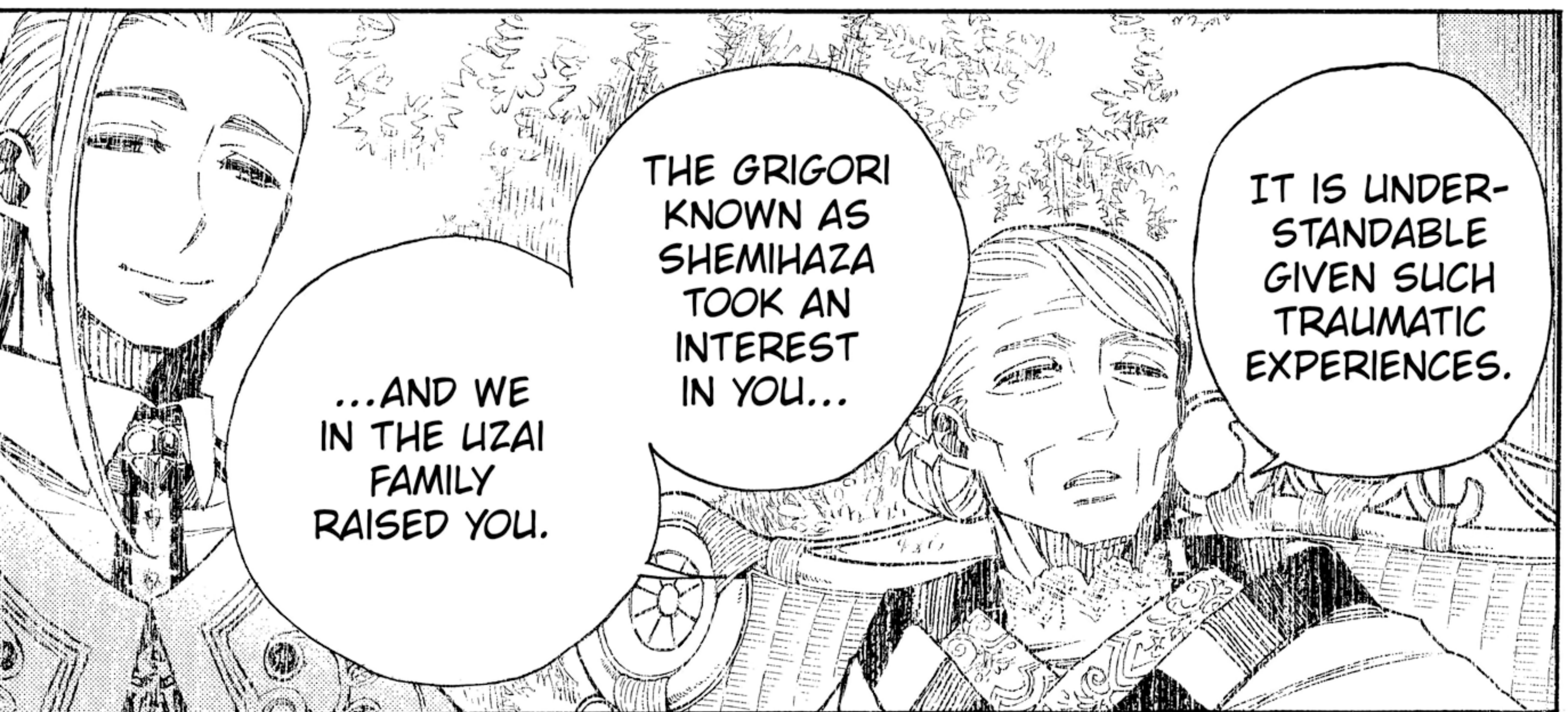
HAVEN'T YOU
HEARD THIS
BEFORE?

ASYLLUM WAS
DESTROYED
DURING THE BLUE
NIGHT, SO YOU
SURVIVED YET
ANOTHER
CALAMITY...

YOU
WERE
ONLY 15.

YOU WERE
SUFFERING
FROM
TEMPTAINT,
SO ASYLLUM
TOOK YOU IN.

...AND YOU
LOST YOUR
MEMORY OF
THAT TIME.



THE GRIGORI
KNOWN AS
SHEMIHAZA
TOOK AN
INTEREST
IN YOU...

IT IS UNDER-
STANDABLE
GIVEN SUCH
TRAUMATIC
EXPERIENCES.

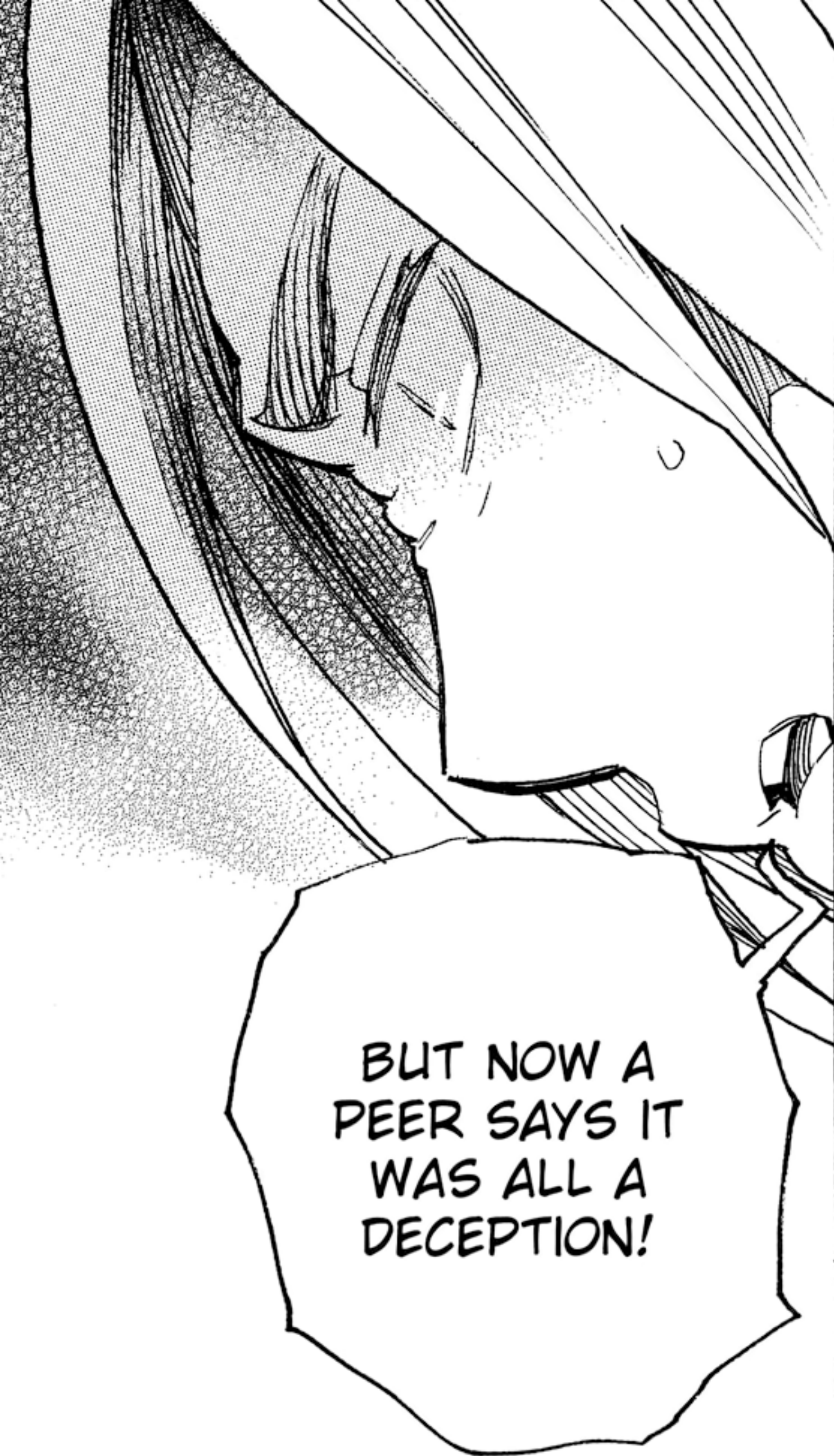
...AND WE
IN THE UZAI
FAMILY
RAISED YOU.

YOU HAVE
RECEIVED A
CHANCE FOR
A NEW LIFE.

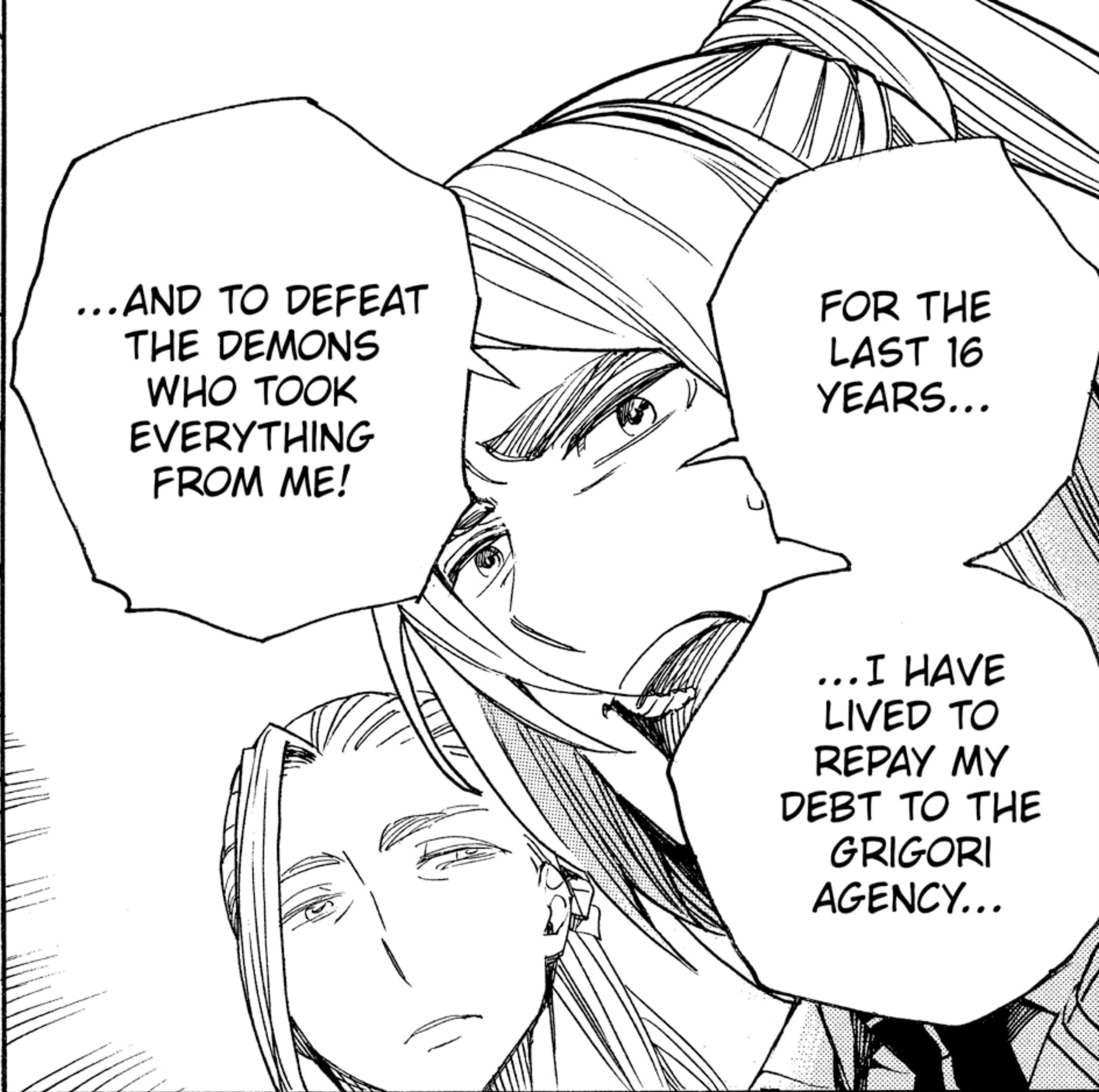
YOU ARE
FORTUNATE.

YES,
SIR!

THERE IS NO
SHAME IN
HAVING NO
PAST.



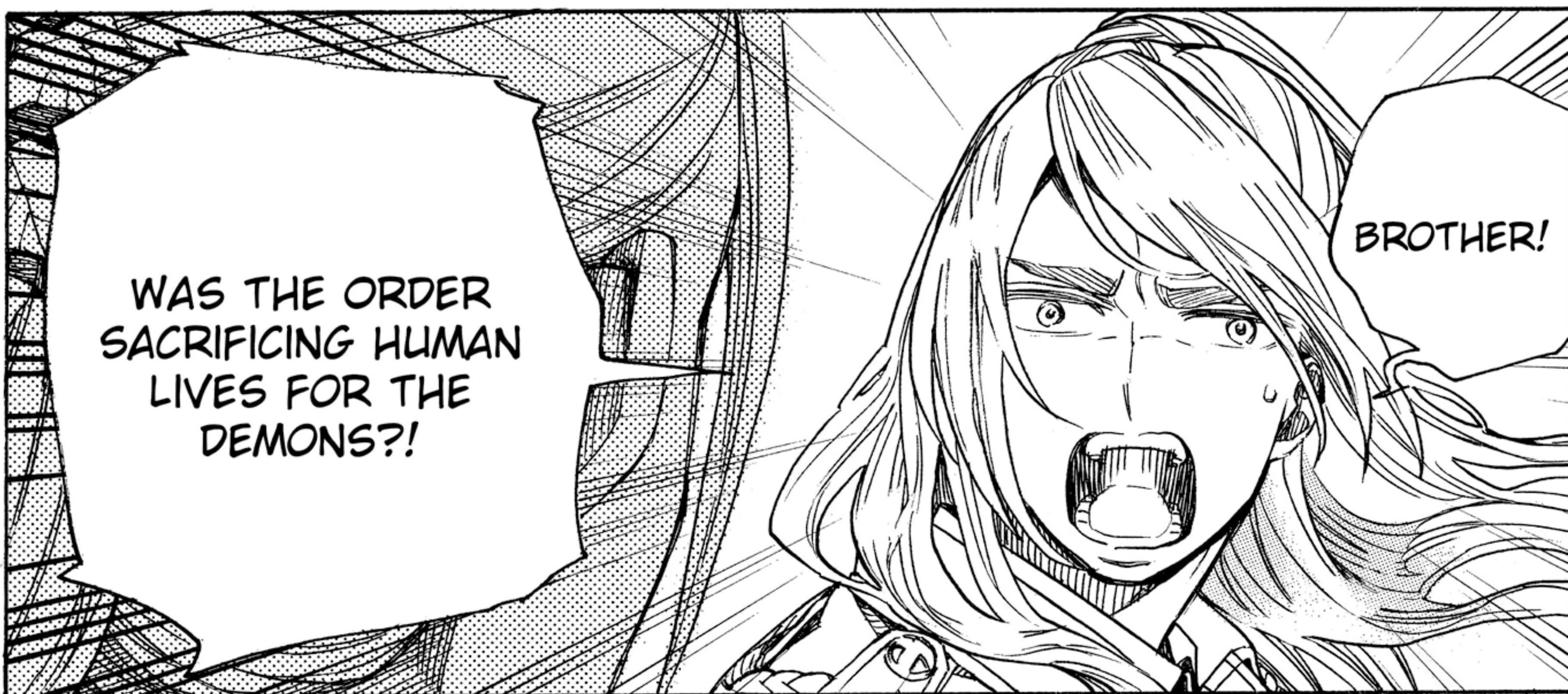
BUT NOW A
PEER SAYS IT
WAS ALL A
DECEPTION!



...AND TO DEFEAT
THE DEMONS
WHO TOOK
EVERYTHING
FROM ME!

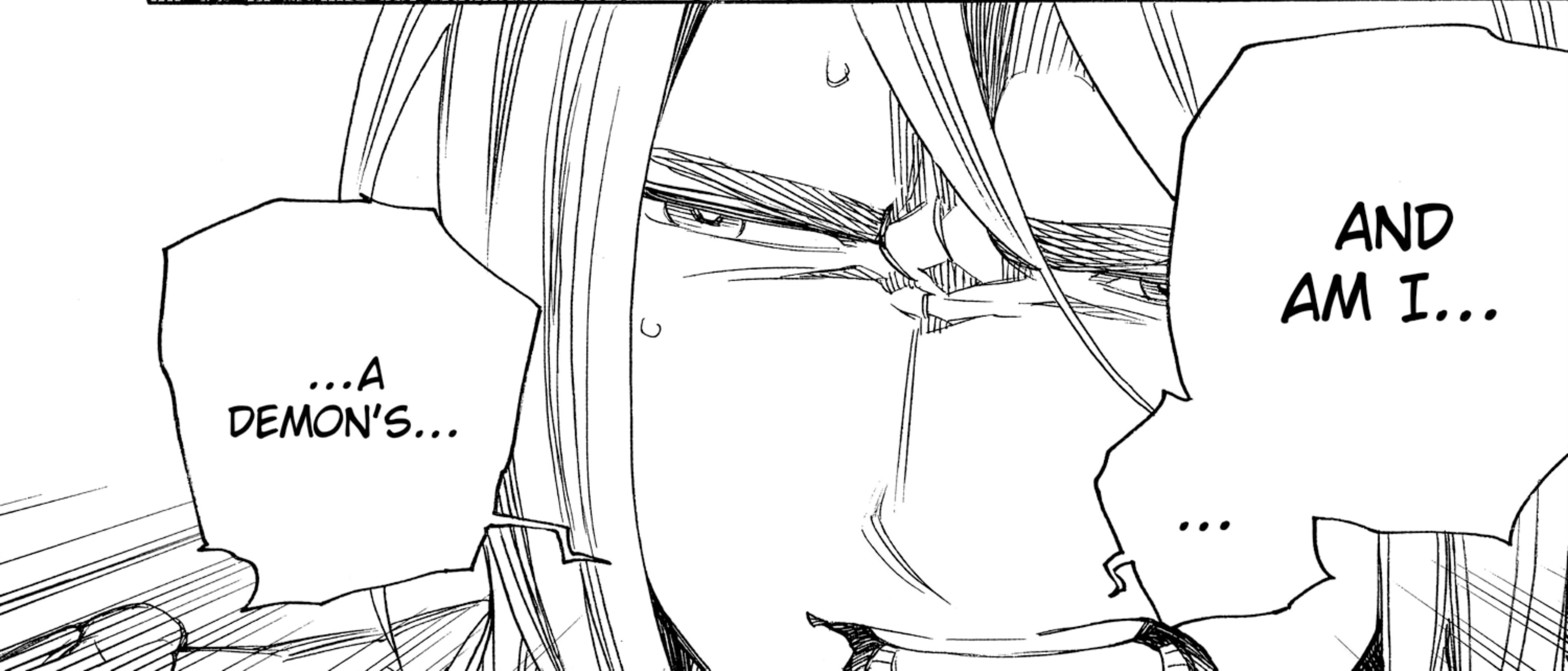
FOR THE
LAST 16
YEARS...

...I HAVE
LIVED TO
REPAY MY
DEBT TO THE
GRIGORI
AGENCY...



WAS THE ORDER
SACRIFICING HUMAN
LIVES FOR THE
DEMONS?!

BROTHER!



...A
DEMON'S...

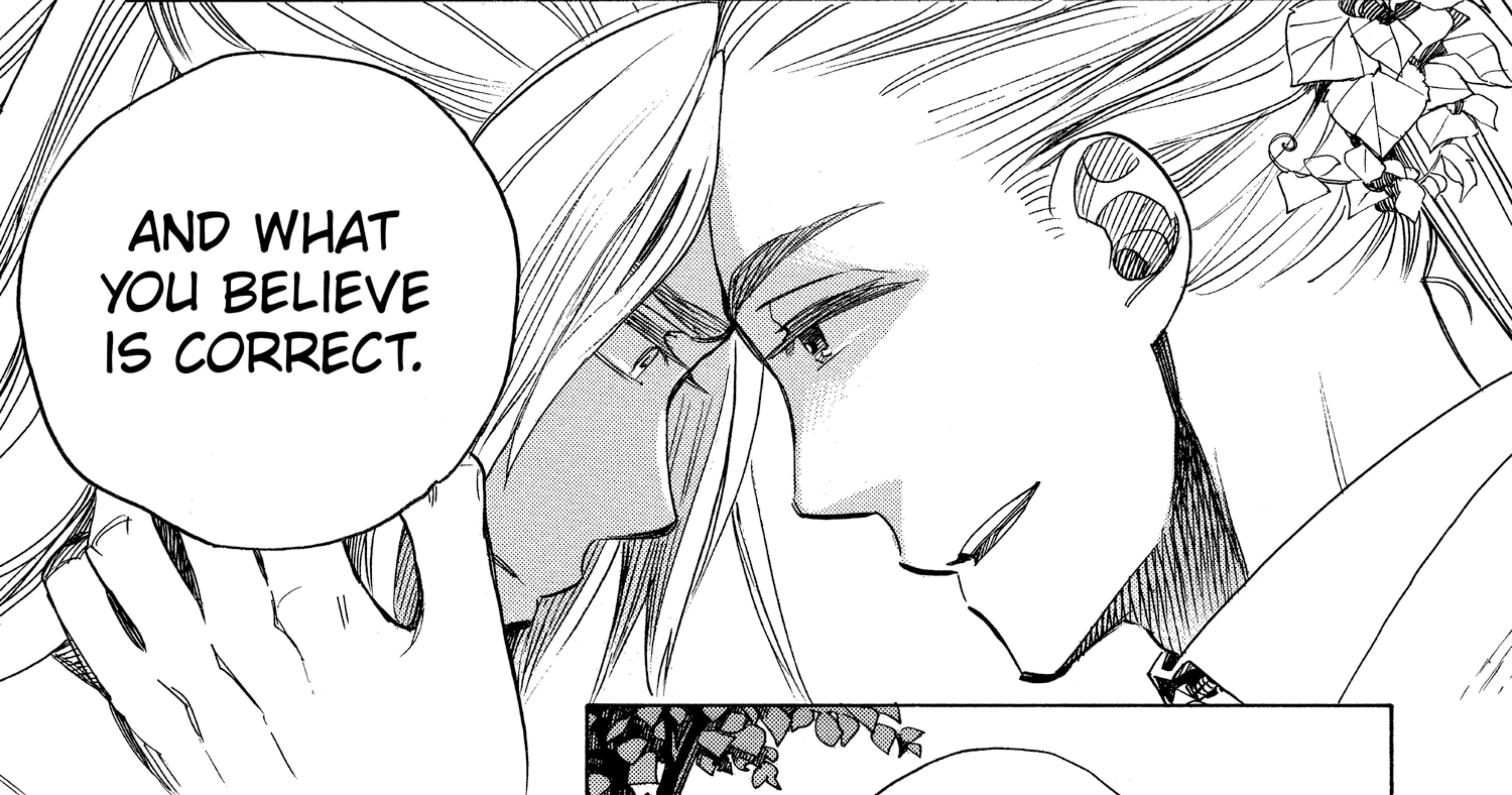
AND
AM I...



BUT I
KNOW
YOU.

...WAS
PROBABLY SO
CONSUMED BY
HIS BELIEFS
THAT HE FELL
APART.


THAT
PEER...



AND WHAT
YOU BELIEVE
IS CORRECT.



YOU EVEN
HAVE A
GREEN
AREA?



YOU ARE
ALWAYS
CORRECT.



THIS AIRCRAFT IS LIKE A WHOLE CITY.

GRRGL

LGH. I'M STARVING.

THERE'S A FOOD COURT AHEAD, SO LET'S GO EAT!

THERE'S FOOD FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD HERE!



THE ILLUMINATI CALLS IT **MAGICAL SCIENCE**, BUT I DON'T GET IT.

SLURP

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

CLONES, RAPID BODY REGENERATION, A FLYING CITY... IT'S ALL LIKE **MAGIC**.



CLAMOR

IN OTHER WORDS, HIGHLY ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS BASICALLY MAGIC.



YOU MEAN CLARKE'S THREE LAWS.

IT'S PROBABLY LIKE THAT ONE GUY SAID. YOU KNOW, ABOUT AWESOME GADGETS LOOKING LIKE MAGIC?







TASTY,
ISN'T IT?

THREE-STAR
CHEFS WHO
SYMPATHIZE
WITH THE
ILLUMINATI
PROVIDE THE
FOOD HERE.

HOW DID I
GET INTO
THIS
MESS?!

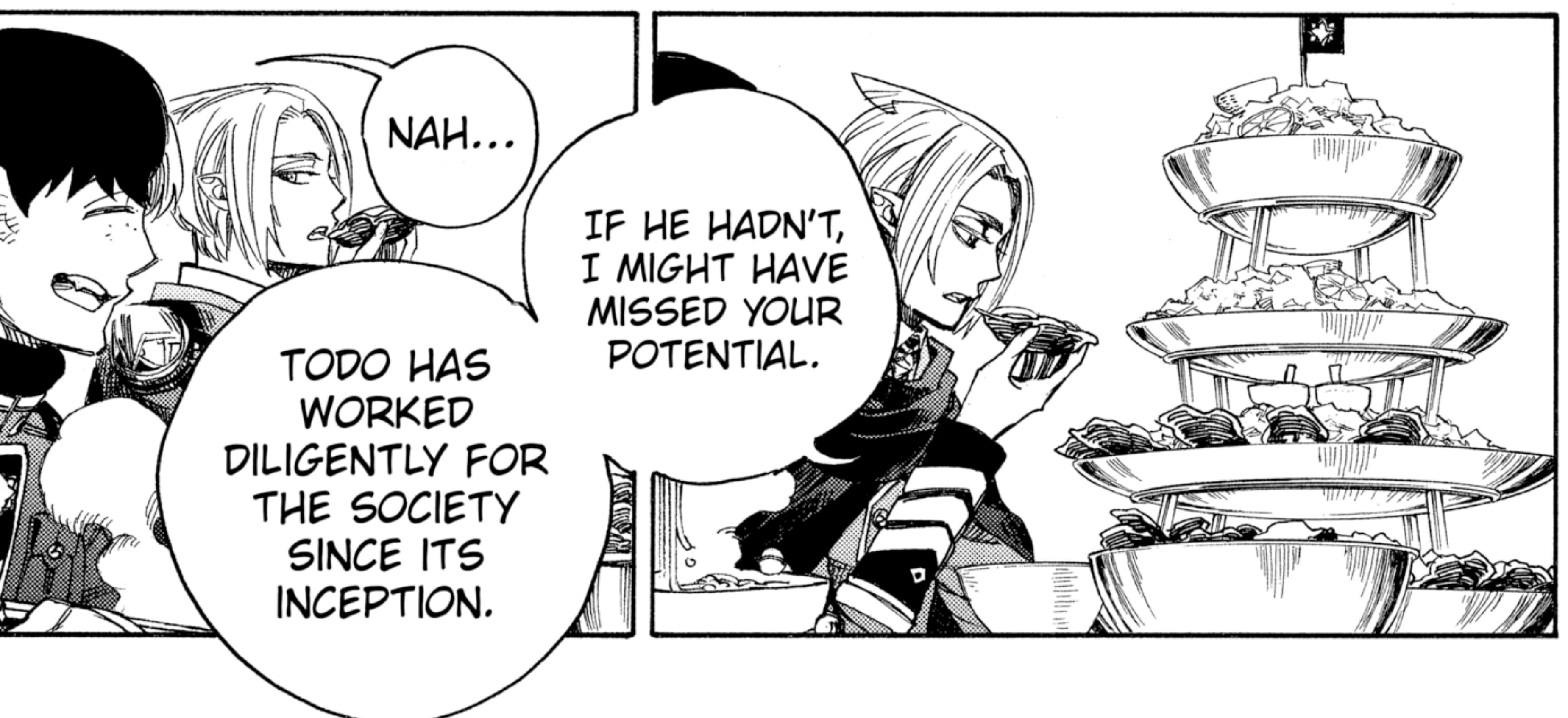
UH...
YES.



OKUMURA,
IT WAS
TODO WHO
BROUGHT
YOU TO MY
ATTENTION.

IS THIS A
NIGHTMARE?

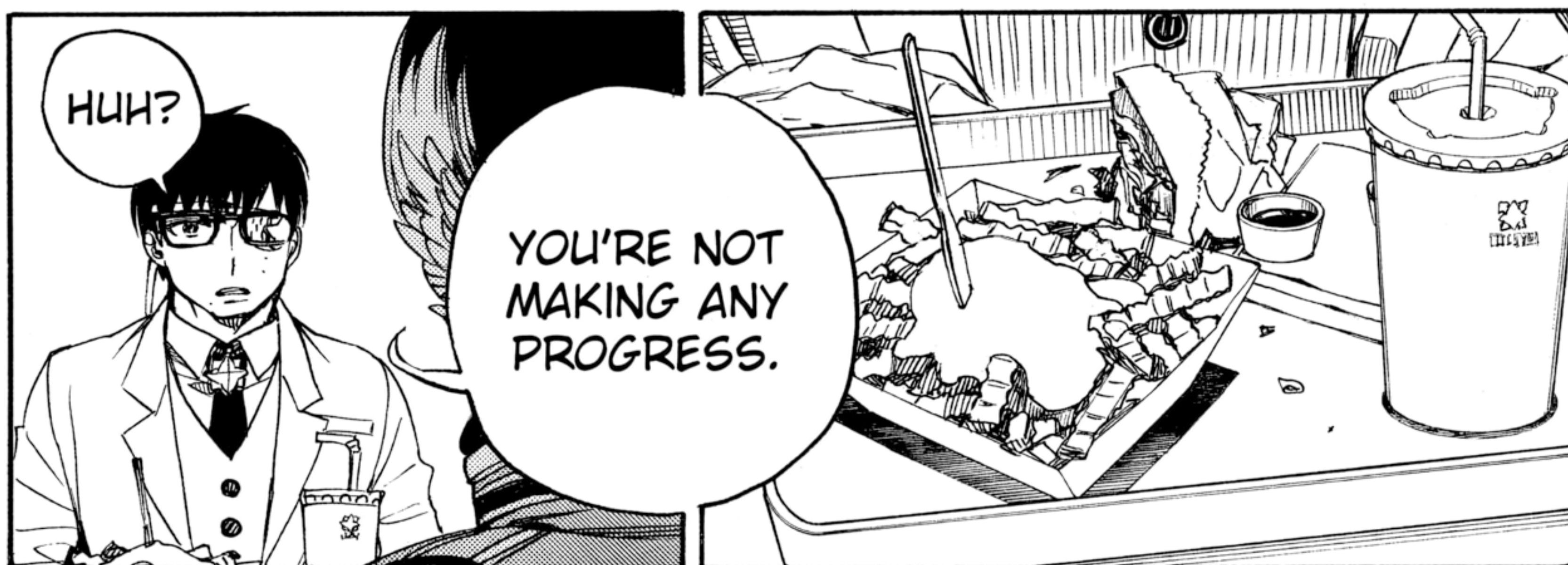
WELCOME
TO THE
ILLUMINATI!

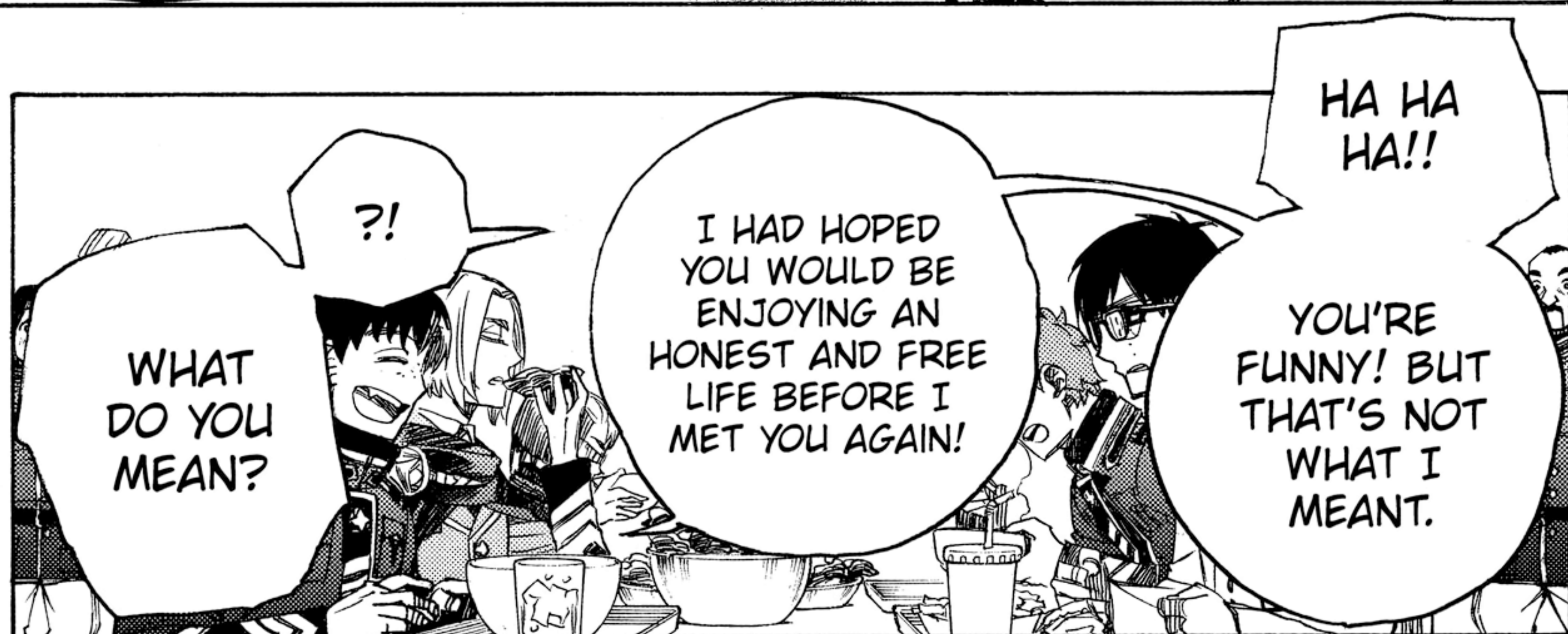
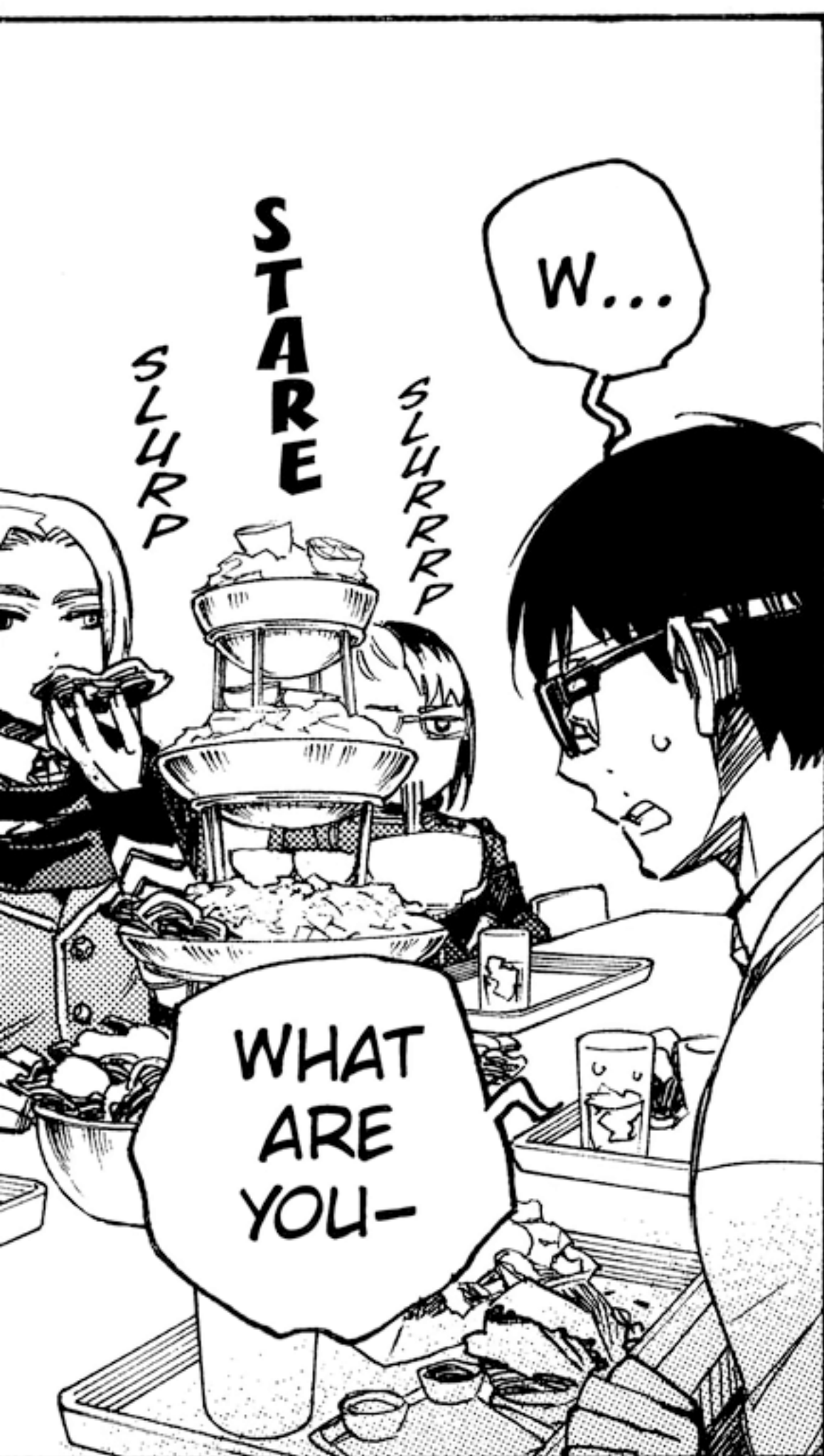


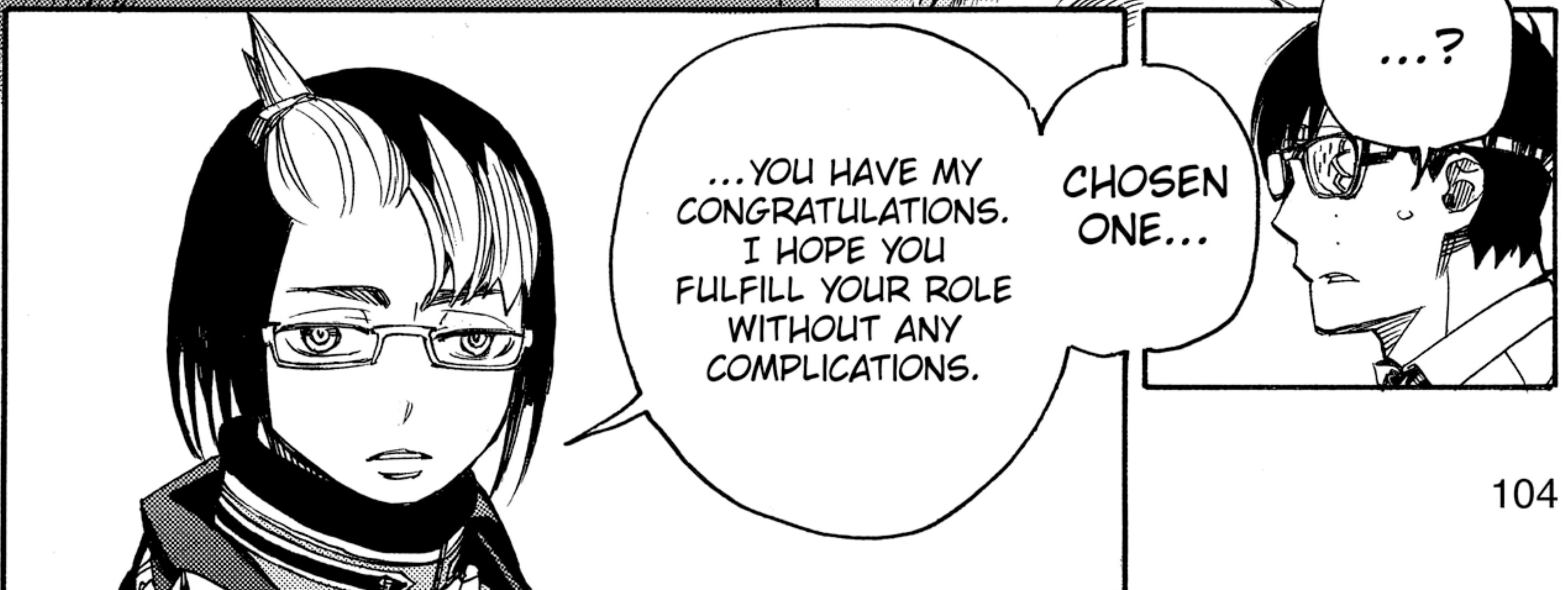
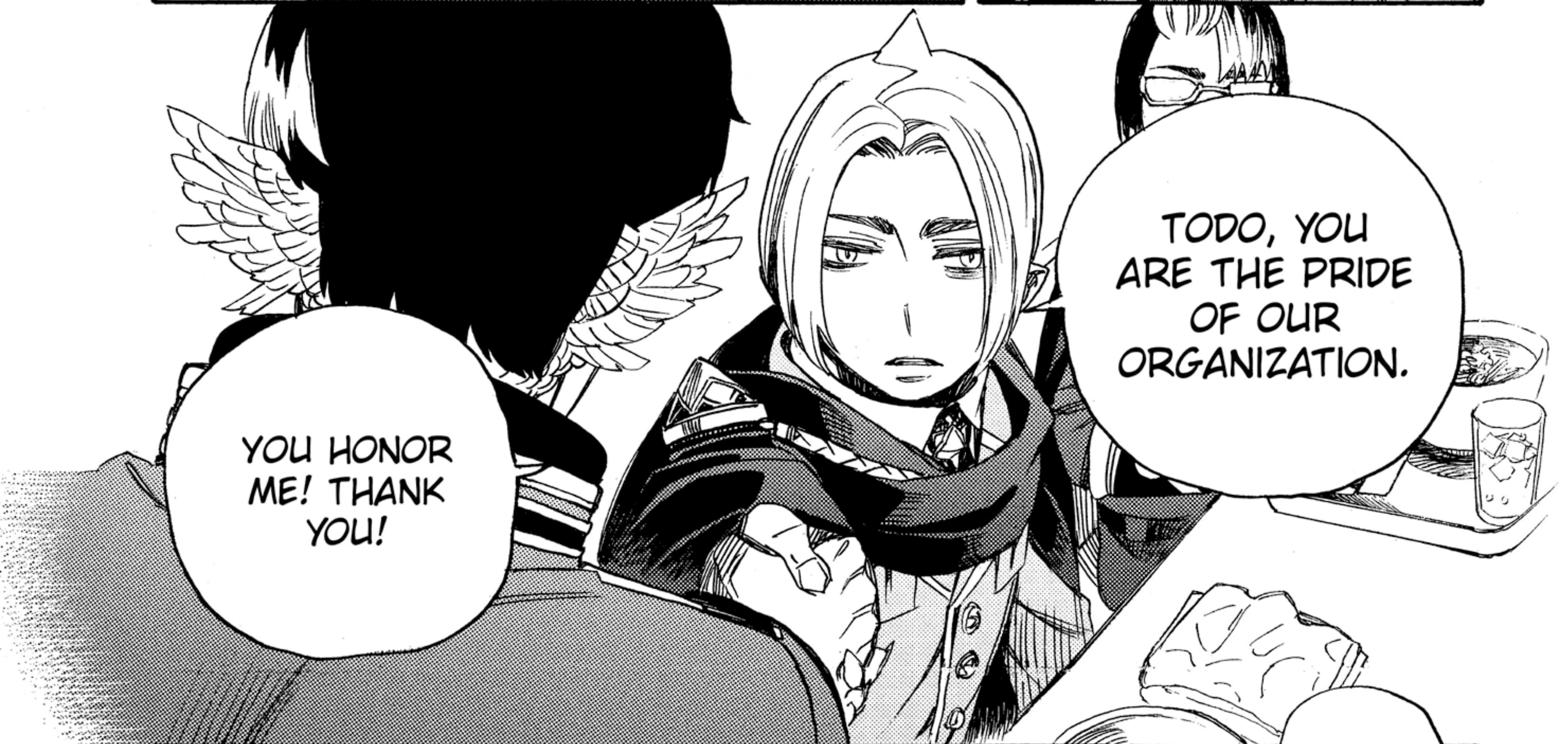
NAH...

TODO HAS
WORKED
DILIGENTLY FOR
THE SOCIETY
SINCE ITS
INCEPTION.

IF HE HADN'T,
I MIGHT HAVE
MISSED YOUR
POTENTIAL.









HUH?
THE
MOOD IN
HERE
IS...

IT WAS A
PLEASURE
SHARING ONE
LAST MEAL WITH
ALL OF YOU!



KACHA

THANK
YOU.



IT'S
JUST
LIKE...

OKUMURA...



...YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND.

...WHEN YOU
LEARN TO BE
HONEST...



DOES THAT MEAN...

...HE'S GOING TO DIE?!



TODO IS SERVING AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ELIXIR'S FINAL EXPERIMENT TOMORROW.

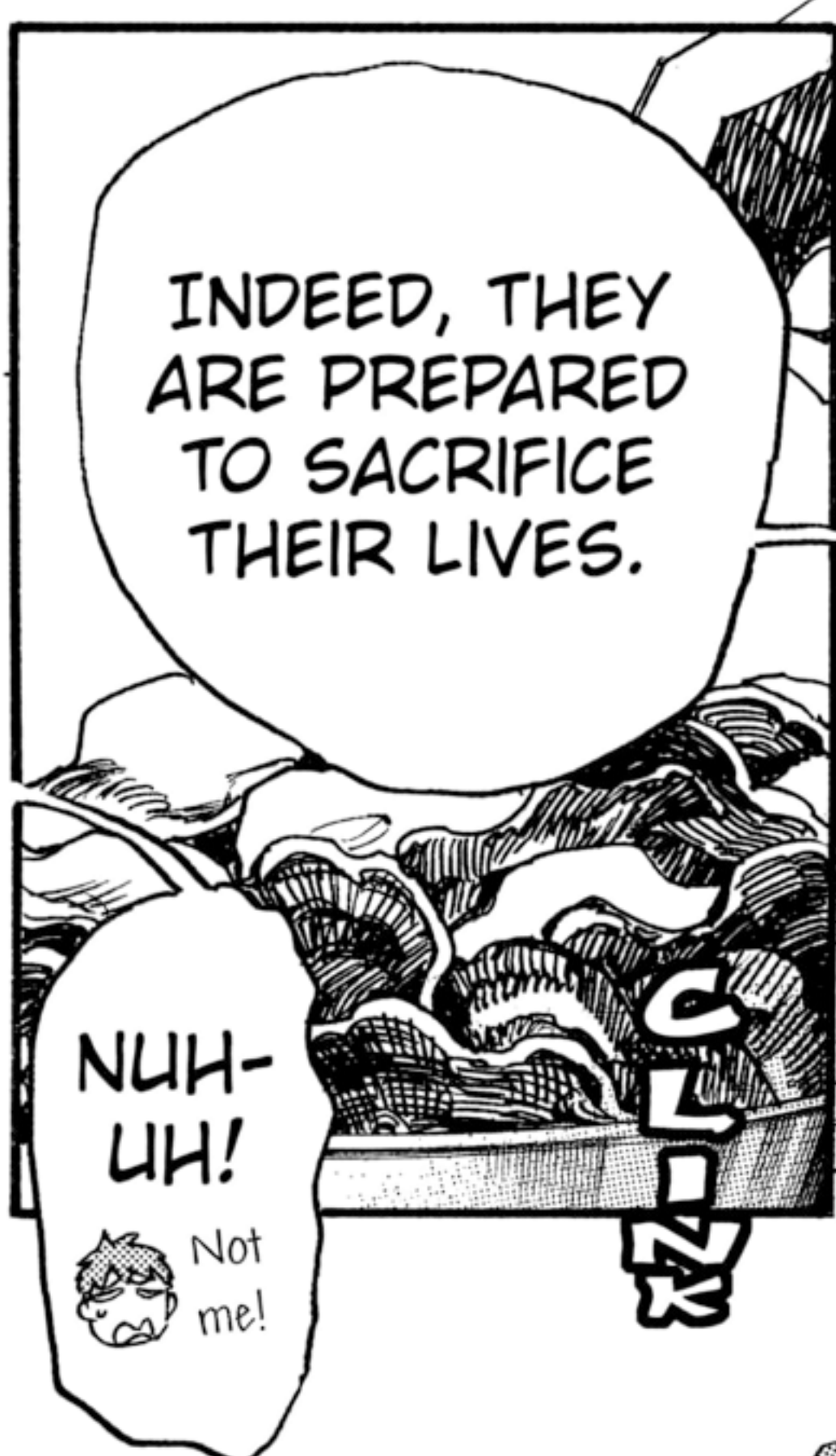
WHAT'S GOING ON?



WHICH IS?



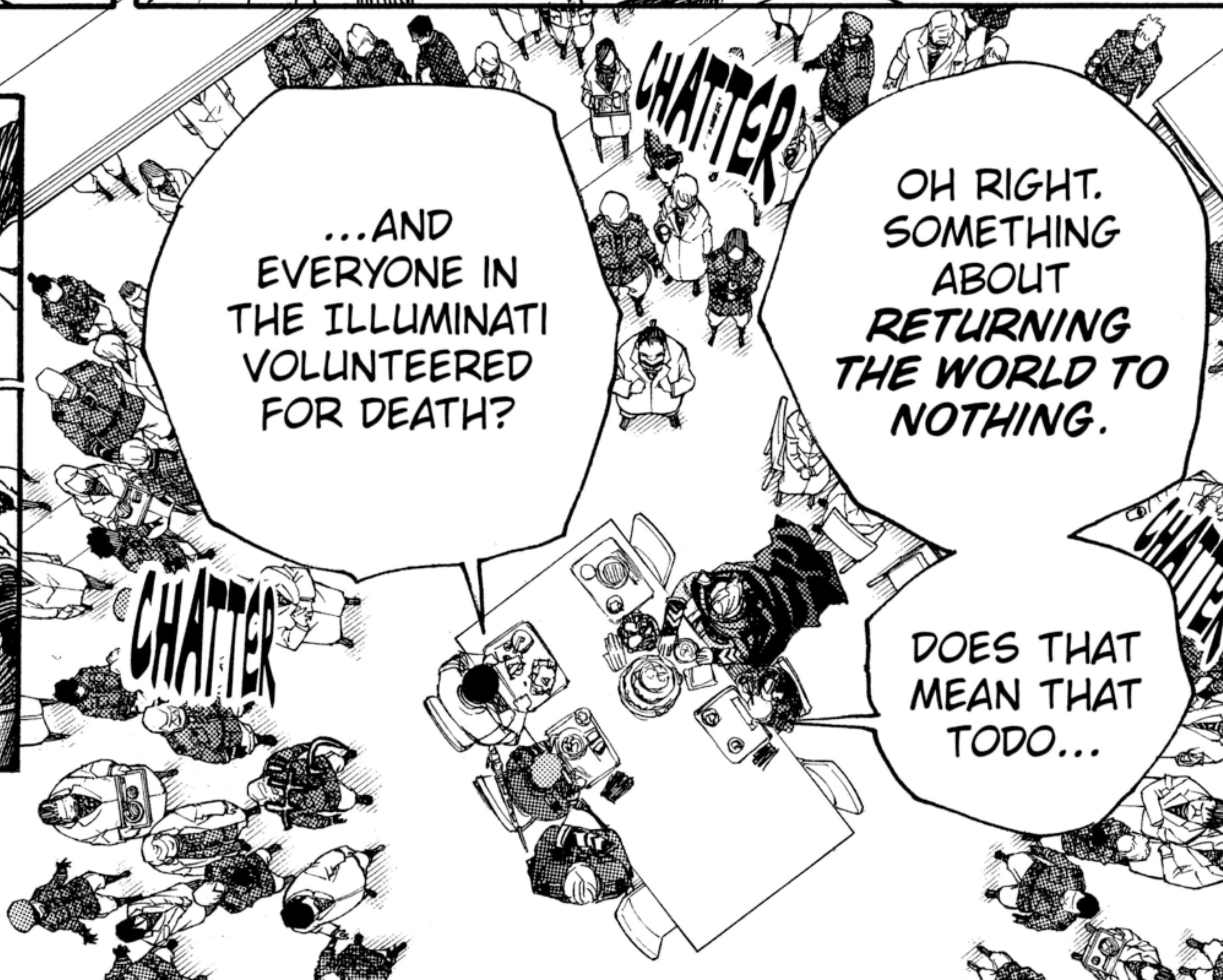
IT IS ALL FOR ACHIEVING OUR FERVENT DESIRE.



INDEED, THEY ARE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES.

NUH-UH!

Not me!



...AND EVERYONE IN THE ILLUMINATI VOLUNTEERED FOR DEATH?

OH RIGHT. SOMETHING ABOUT RETURNING THE WORLD TO NOTHING.

DOES THAT MEAN THAT TODO...



SO WE MUST
DESTROY THE
OLD WORLD.



YOU
MISUNDER-
STAND.

OUR GOAL IS THE
CREATION OF A
NEW WORLD IN
WHICH ALL ARE
EQUAL.

SHF
CHAK



AND THEN WE
WILL RE-CREATE
EVERYTHING.

FOR THAT
IS THE
ILLUMINATI'S
MISSION.

SUCH A WORLD
IS IRRATIONAL
AND UNJUST.

THE PEOPLE OF
ASSIAH ARE
IGNORANT AND
PAMPERED...

...WHILE WE
OF GEHENNA
THIRST, SUFFER
AND ENDURE
EXILE!

WOULDN'T
YOU
AGREE?

Hear,
hear!!

Hooray
!!

Com-
mander
!!

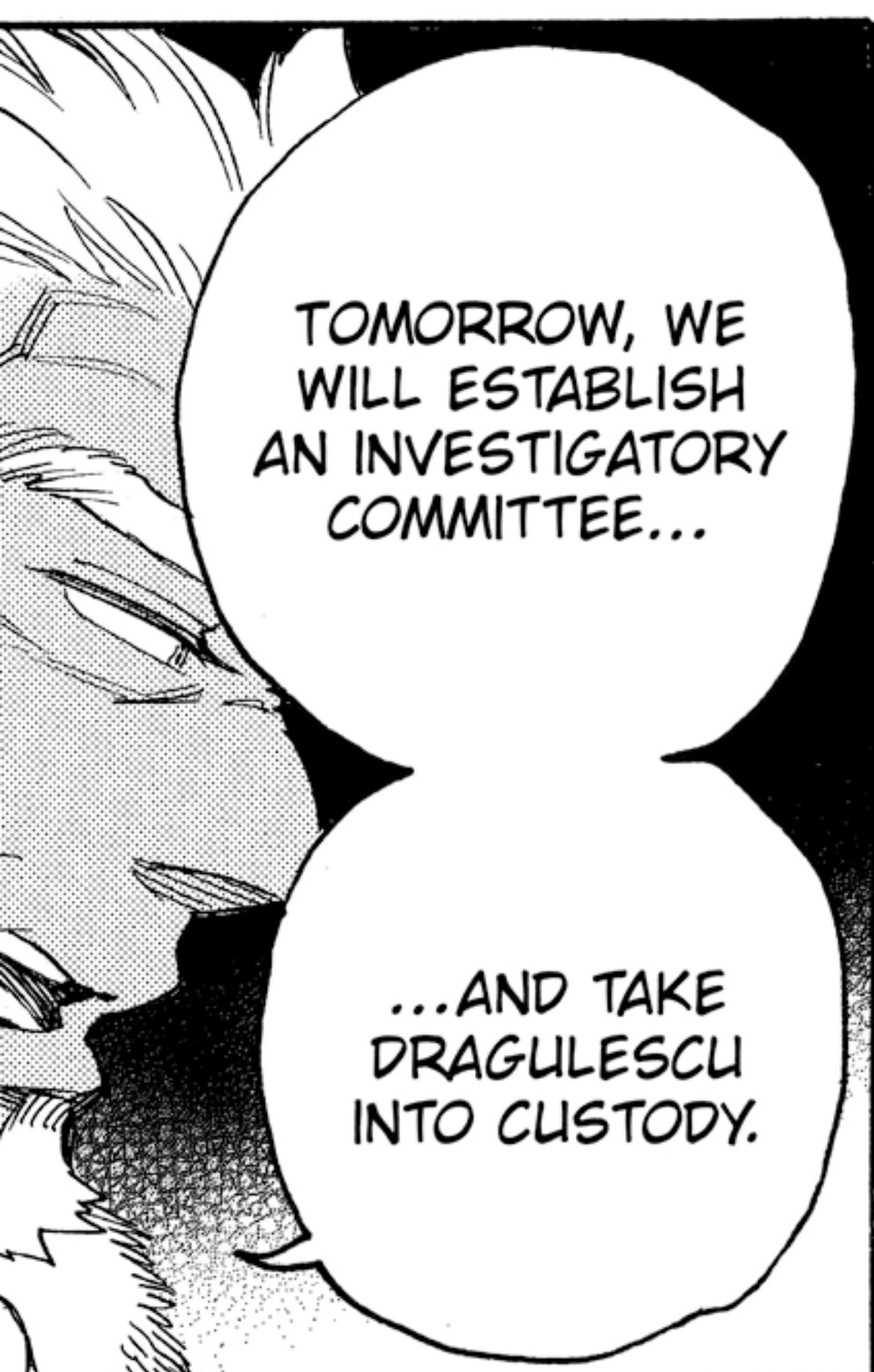
Com-
mander
!!



I FASHIONED THOSE **MAGIC CANCELERS** MYSELF. IF YOU FORCEFULLY REMOVE THEM, YOU'LL LOSE BOTH HANDS.

...REMOVE THE SYLPH BELL YOU PLACED ON DR. DRAGULESCU.

LEWIN...



TOMORROW, WE WILL ESTABLISH AN INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE...

...AND TAKE DRAGULESCU INTO CUSTODY.



LEWIN!!

THAT'S A SHAME.

THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY HANDS. IF THE BELL RINGS, I'M GOING AFTER HIM.

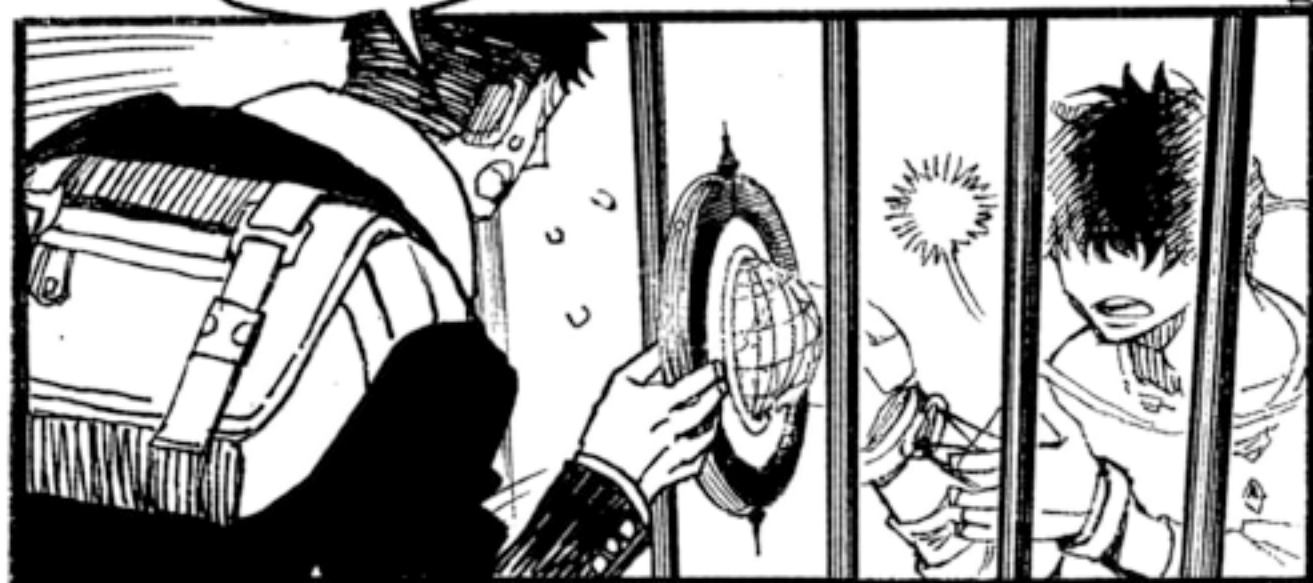


RYUJI!
BRING ME
THE OUIJA
GLOBE!

LUCY
?!

HERE.

TUNK



TM

P

HE'S FINALLY
REVEALING
HIMSELF.



SHOW
ME!

R-
ZZZ-
ZZZ

CRRIK

RINGGG

WHERE
IS HE?



ARE YOU
DEFYING
THE
ORDER?!

LUCY!

OSCEOLA...



NOW I
REALIZE
WHAT HE
MEANT.



HE SAID
DRAGULESCU
WAS A
VIRTUOUS MAD
SCIENTIST...

...WHICH IS
WORSE THAN
A BUMBLING
VILLAIN.



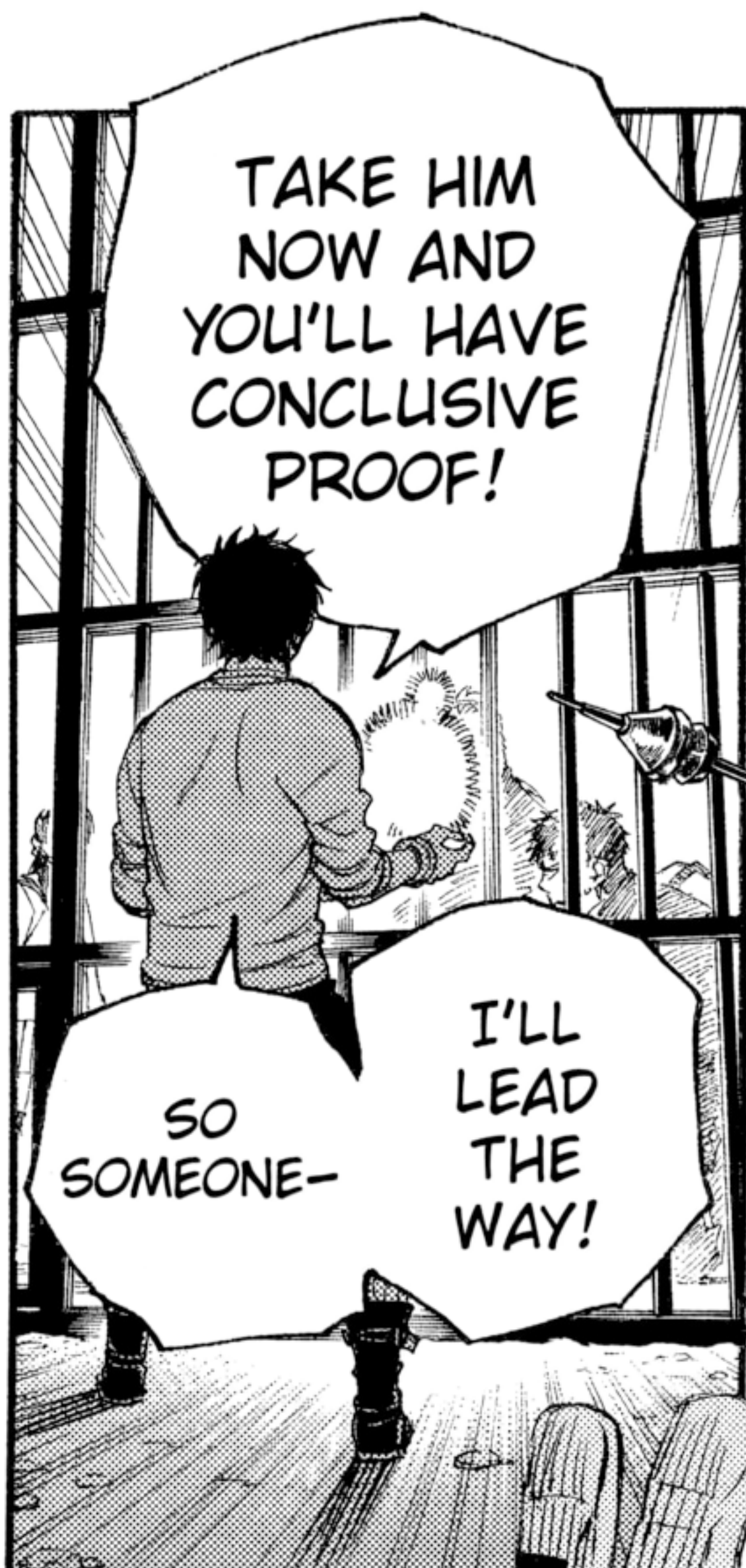
SHIRO WAS
PALADIN WHEN
DRAGULESCU
BECAME AN
ARCH KNIGHT.

DO YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT HE
SAID?



HE'S IN
ROMANIA!

?!



TAKE HIM
NOW AND
YOU'LL HAVE
CONCLUSIVE
PROOF!

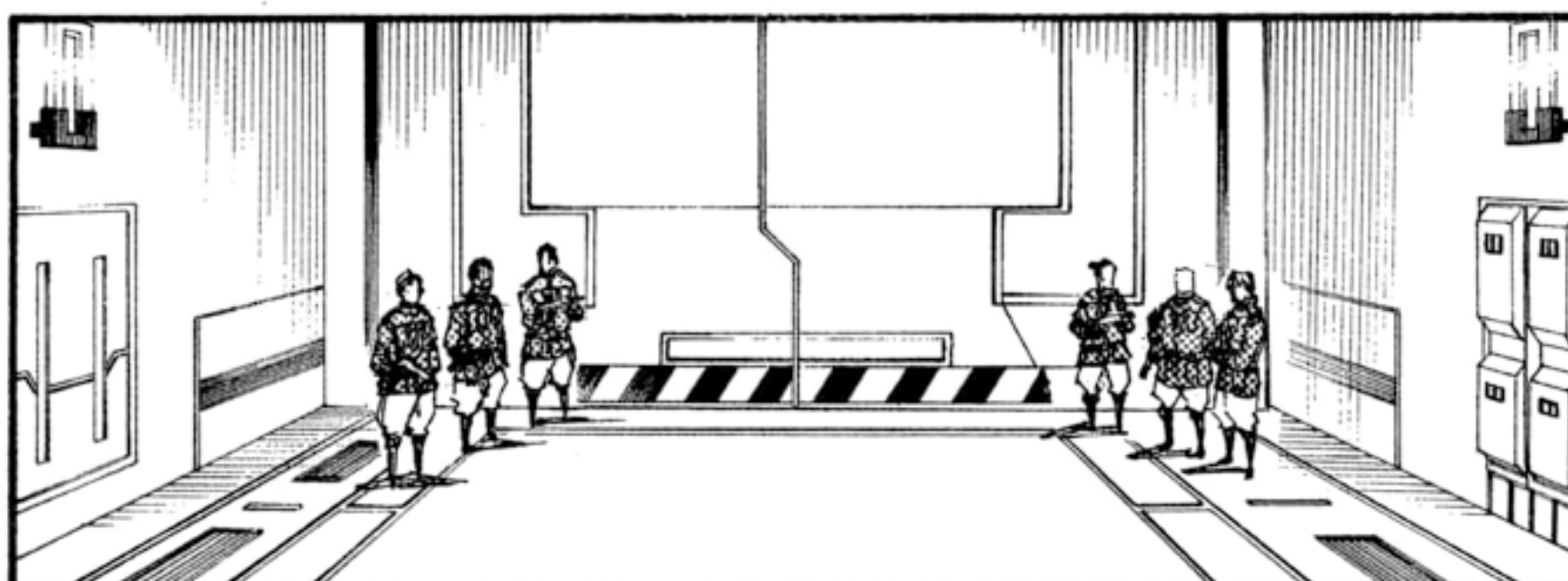
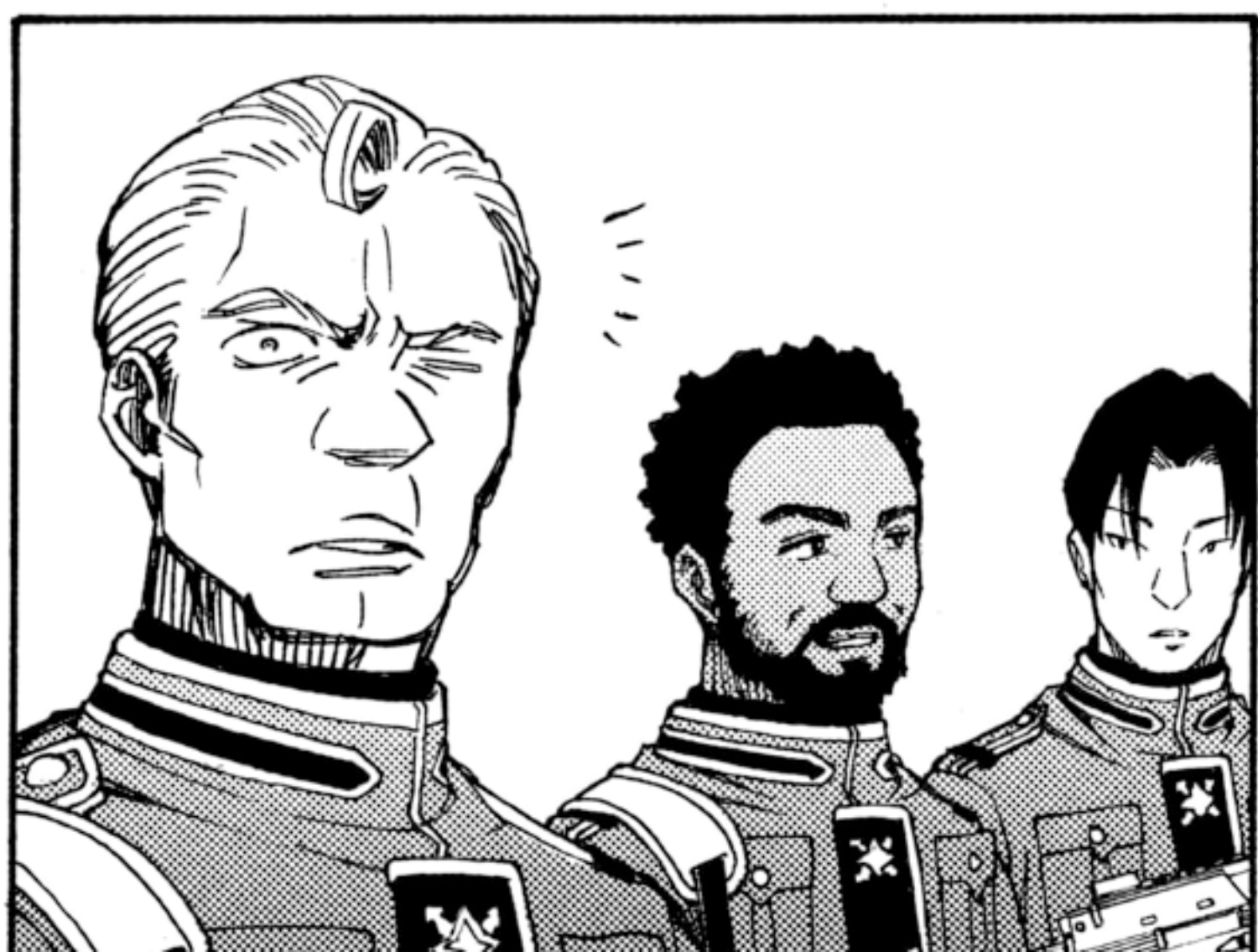
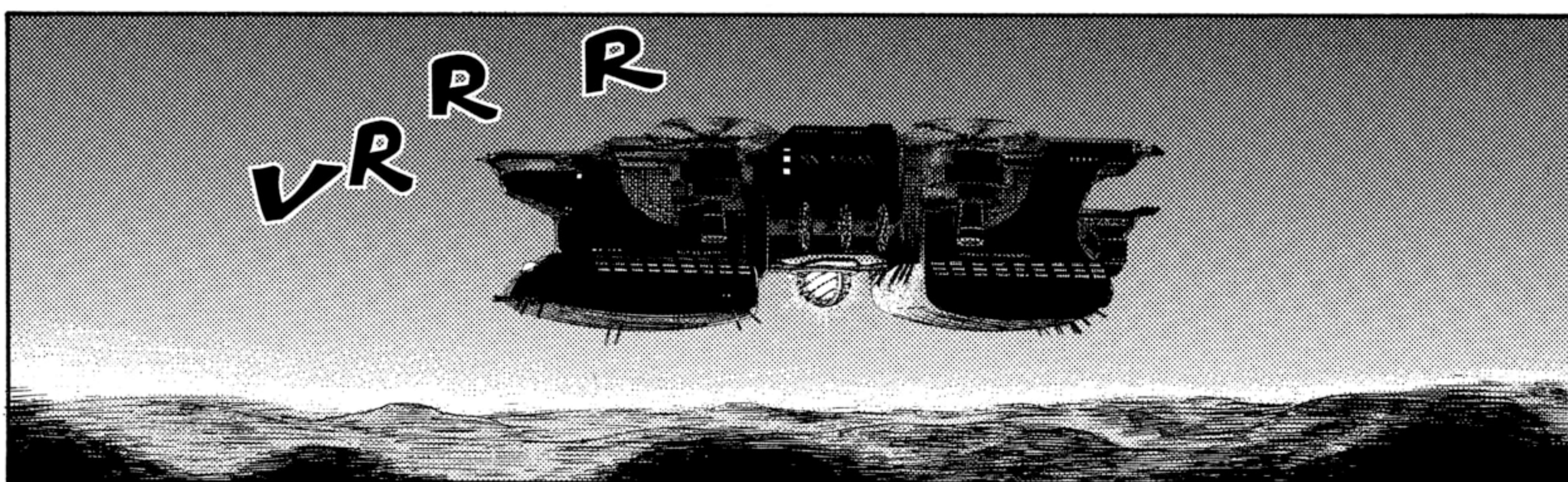
SO
SOMEONE—

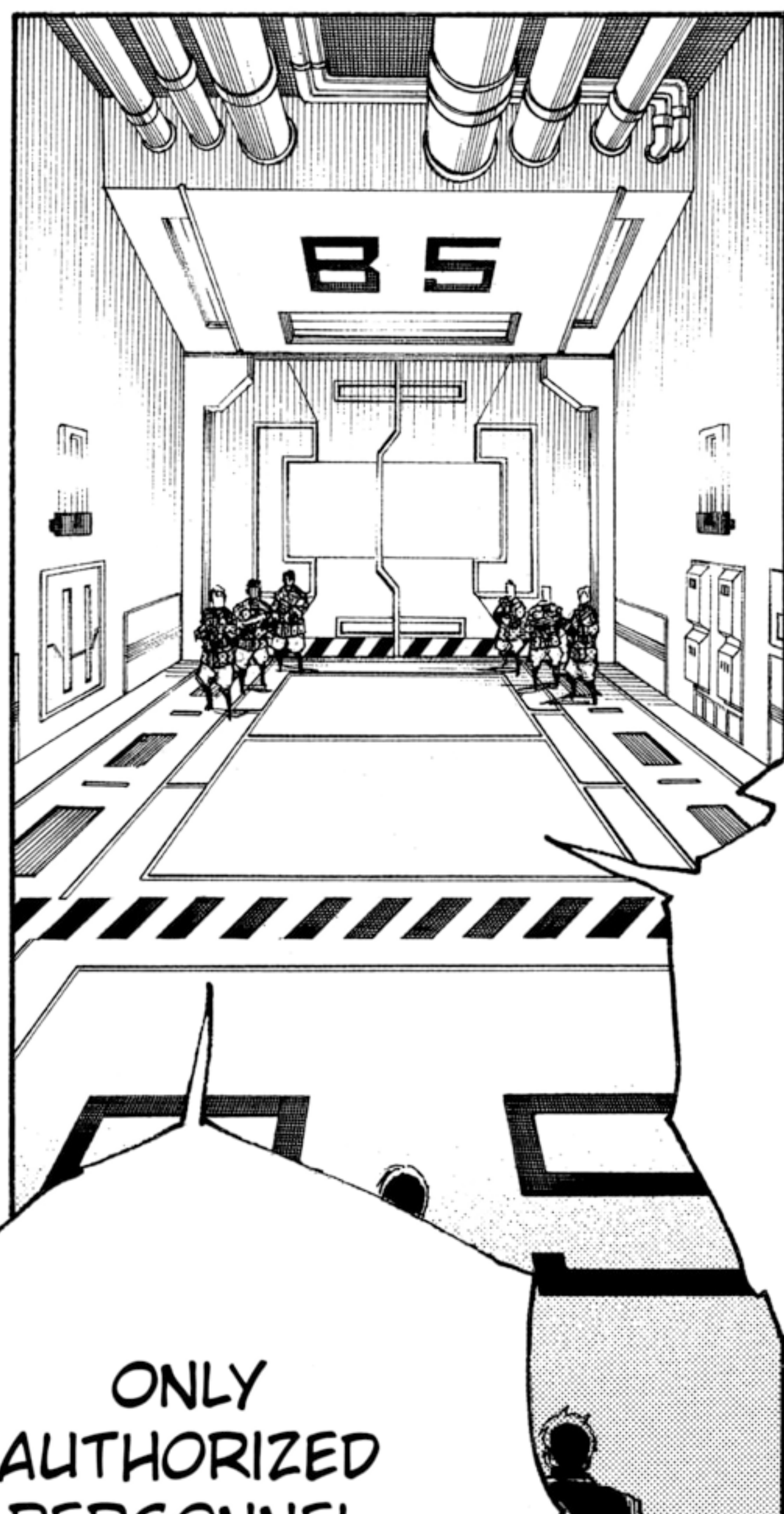
I'LL
LEAD
THE
WAY!



AT HIS
BASE OF
OPERATIONS—
K.R.C.
LABORATORY!







YOU!

HALT!!

THE
LABORATORY
IS SEALED!

ONLY
AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL
MAY ENTER!







ONLY
AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL
MAY ENTER!

THE
LABORATORY
IS OFF-
LIMITS!

UM...

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I CAN
VOUCH!
ISN'T THAT
ENOUGH?

NO?

THE
COMMANDER IN
CHIEF *HIMSELF*
GRANTED
SPECIAL
PERMISSION FOR
HIM TO OBSERVE
THE EXPERIMENT!

...BUT THIS
GUY IS A
GUEST
RESEARCHER!



CHECK
ON IT.

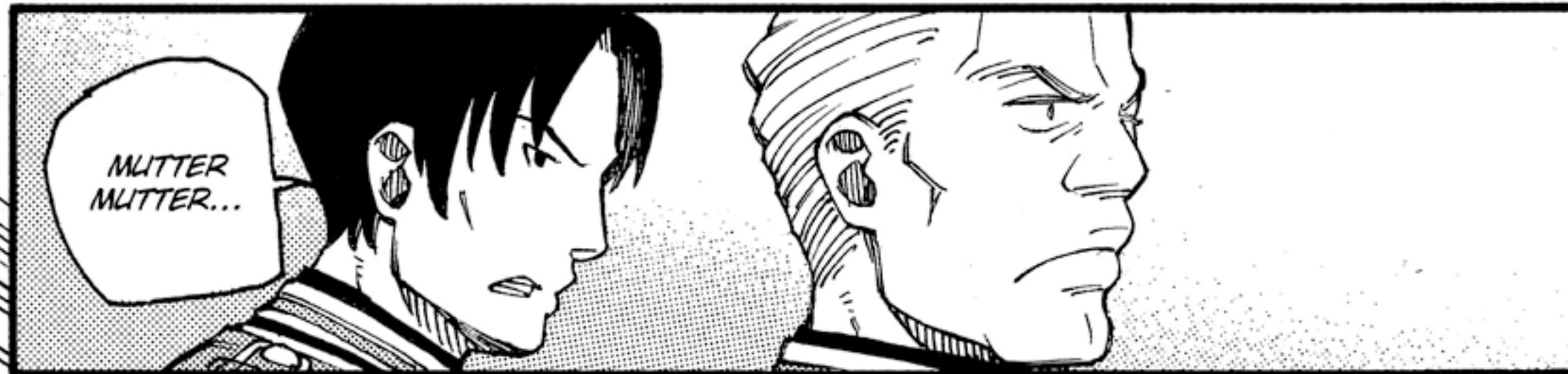
IT'S
NO
USE.

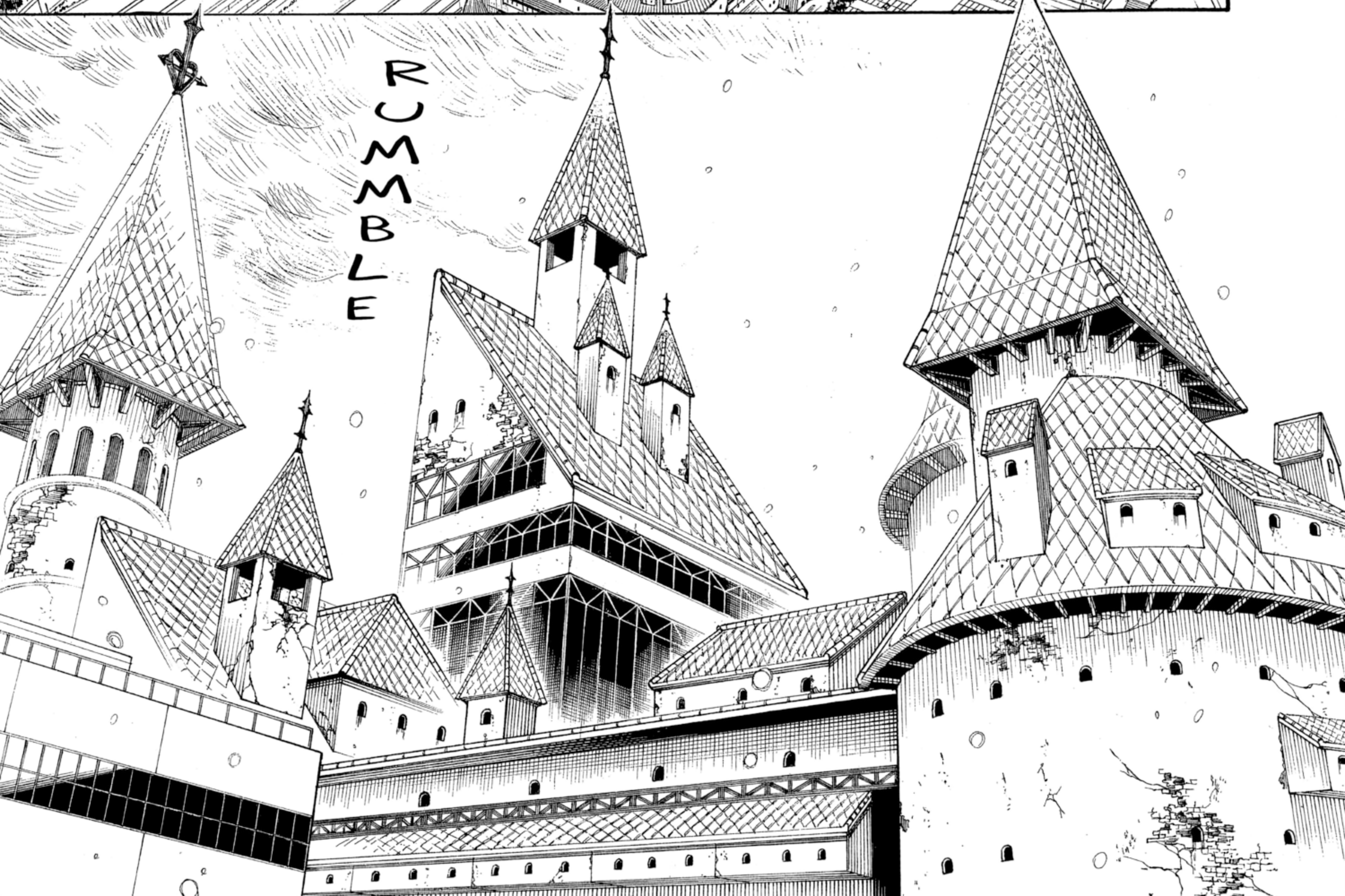
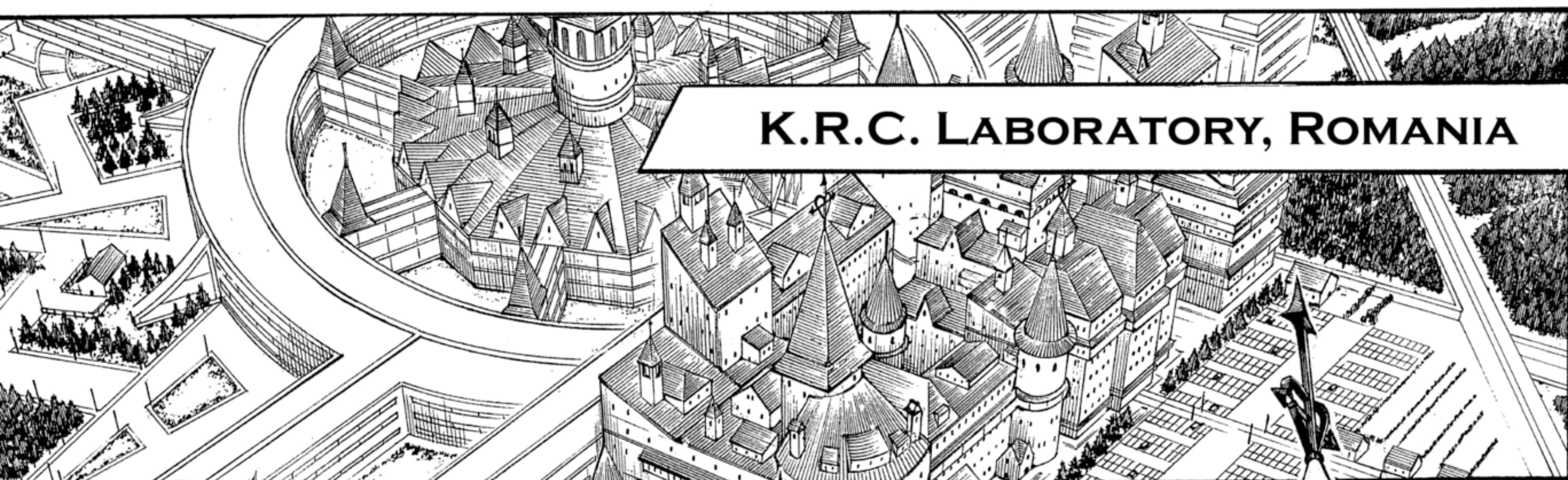
LET'S
GO
BACK!!



WITHOUT
EXCEPTION,
WE CANNOT
ALLOW
UNLISTED
PERSONNEL
TO ENTER.

WE KNOW
WHO HE IS,
BUT HE
ISN'T ON
THE LIST.







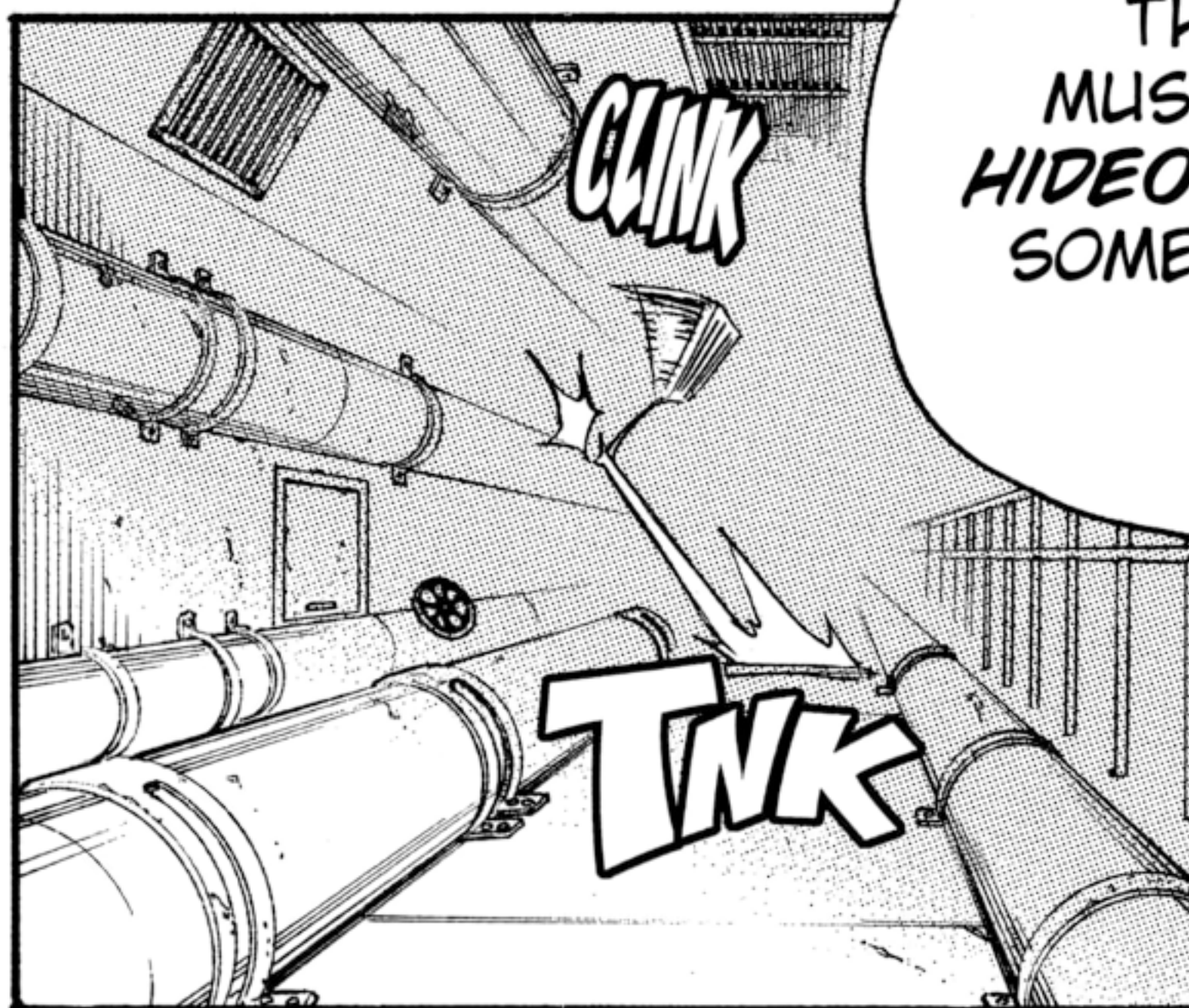
THE OUIJA
GLOBE WILL
GUIDE US TO
DRAGULESCU.



THE LAB
APPEARS
TO BE
OPERATING
NORMALLY.



BUT IT'S A
FRONT FOR
SOMETHING
ELSE.



THERE
MUST BE A
HIDEOUT HERE
SOMEWHERE.



THIS PLACE IS
LIKE SECTION 13.
ITS VERY
EXISTENCE IS
EVIDENCE OF
HIS GUILT.

DRAGULESCU
IS AHEAD
OF US.

WHAT
IS THIS
STUFF?

THIS IS
LOOKING
MIGHTY
FISHY...

THE
LABORATORY
FLOOR MAP
DOESN'T INCLUDE
THIS AREA.

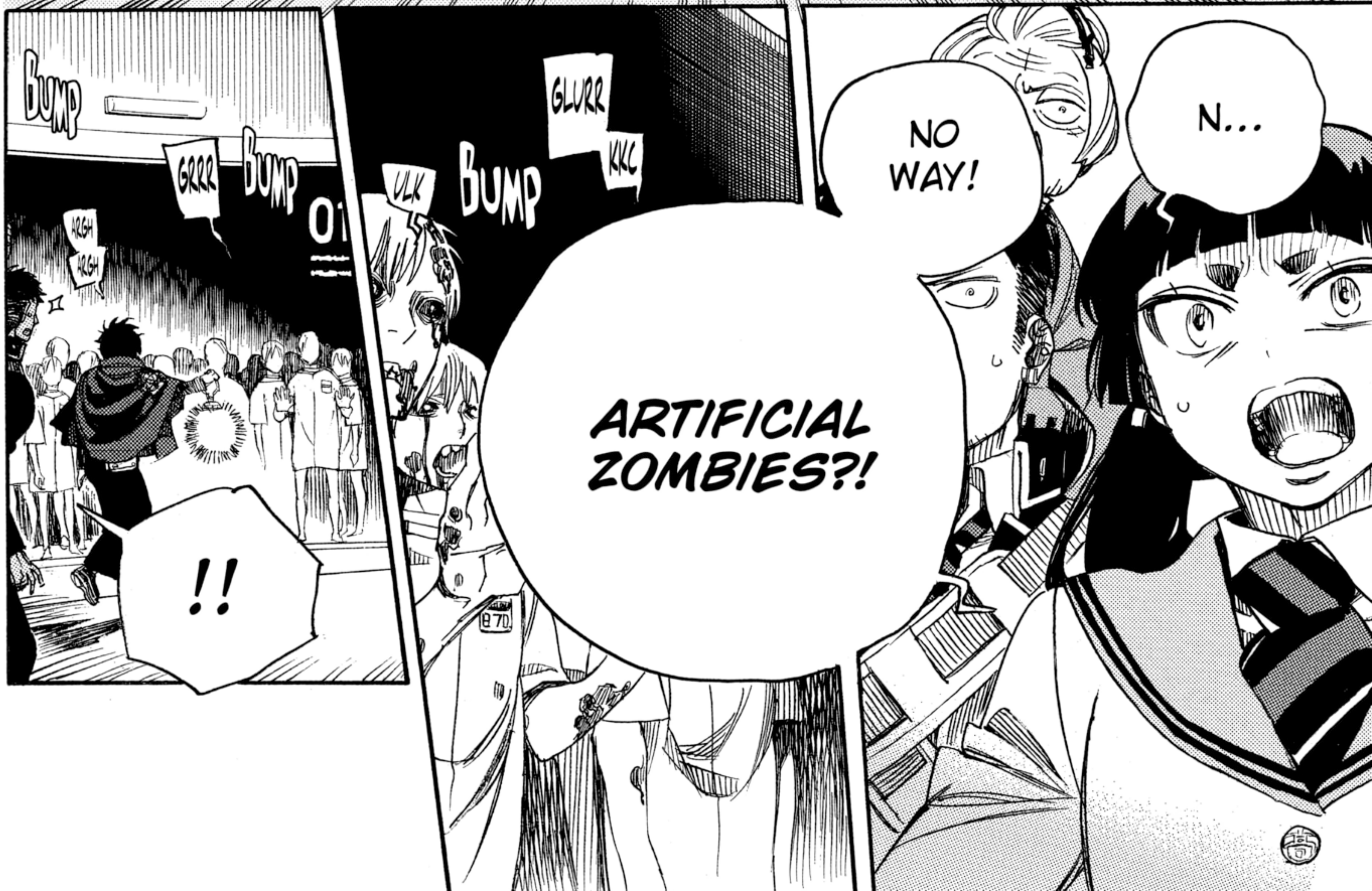
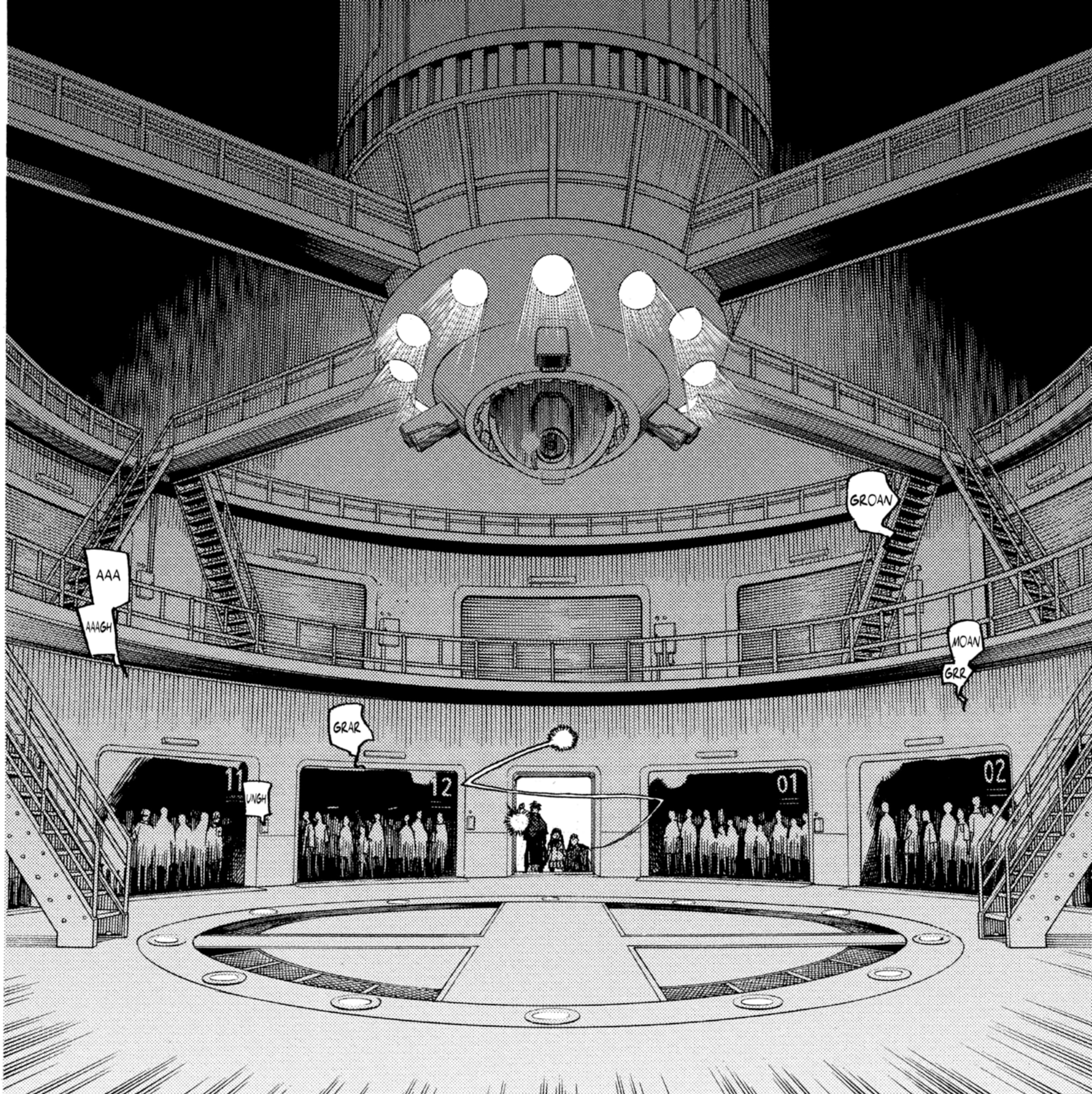
SOMEWHERE
THROUGH
THERE...

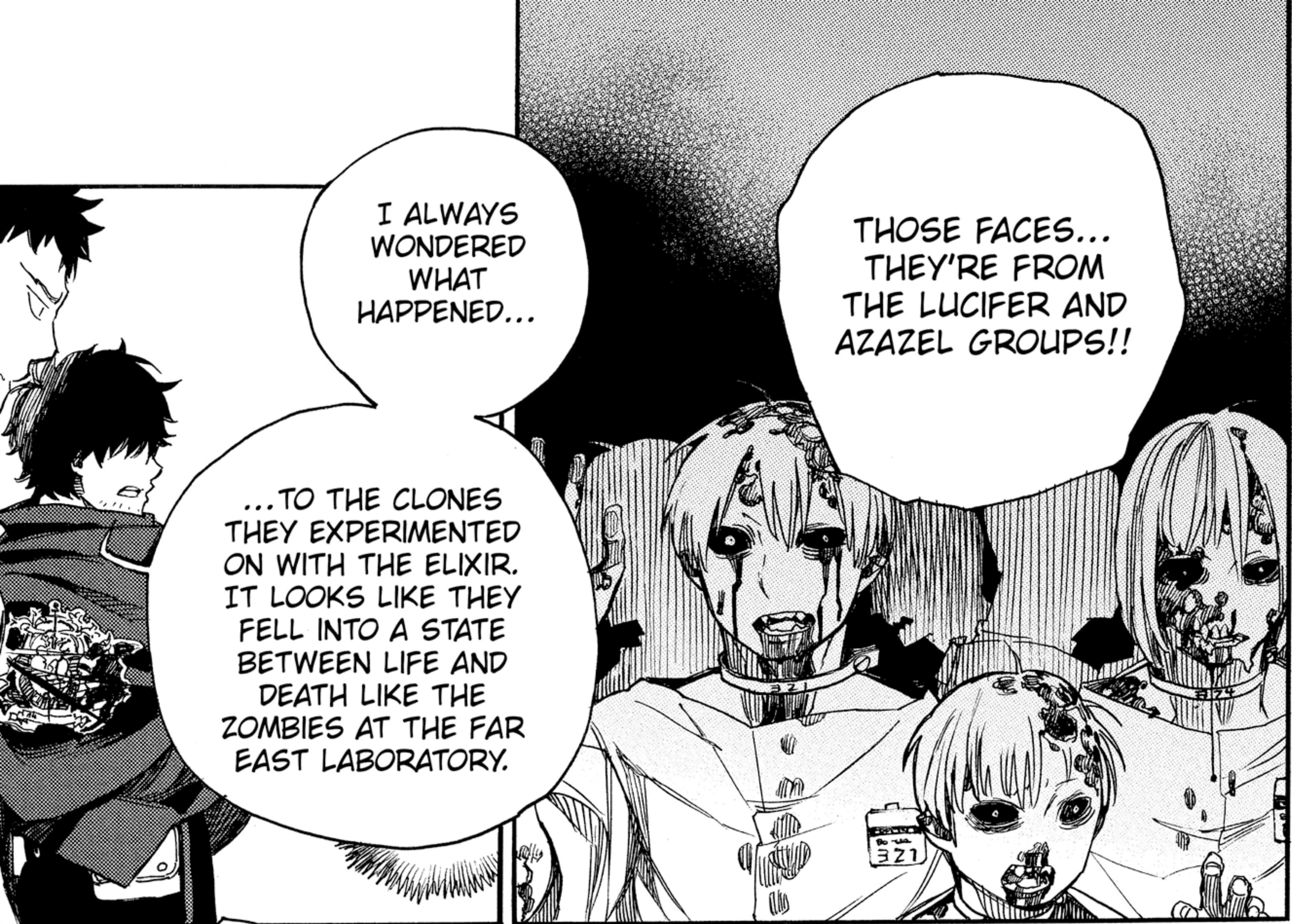
SOMETHING'S
IN THERE!

WAIT!!

GIVE ME
LIGHT.

IT'S
PITCH-
BLACK. I
CAN'T SEE.





I ALWAYS
WONDERED
WHAT
HAPPENED...

THOSE FACES...
THEY'RE FROM
THE LUCIFER AND
AZAZEL GROUPS!!

...TO THE CLONES
THEY EXPERIMENTED
ON WITH THE ELIXIR.
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY
FELL INTO A STATE
BETWEEN LIFE AND
DEATH LIKE THE
ZOMBIES AT THE FAR
EAST LABORATORY.



TURNS
OUT THEY
WERE
HERE!

ARGH
H-H
WAAAGH
GAAAGH
GRR
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

WHAM
GAAAGH
BANG
BANG
BAM
GRR



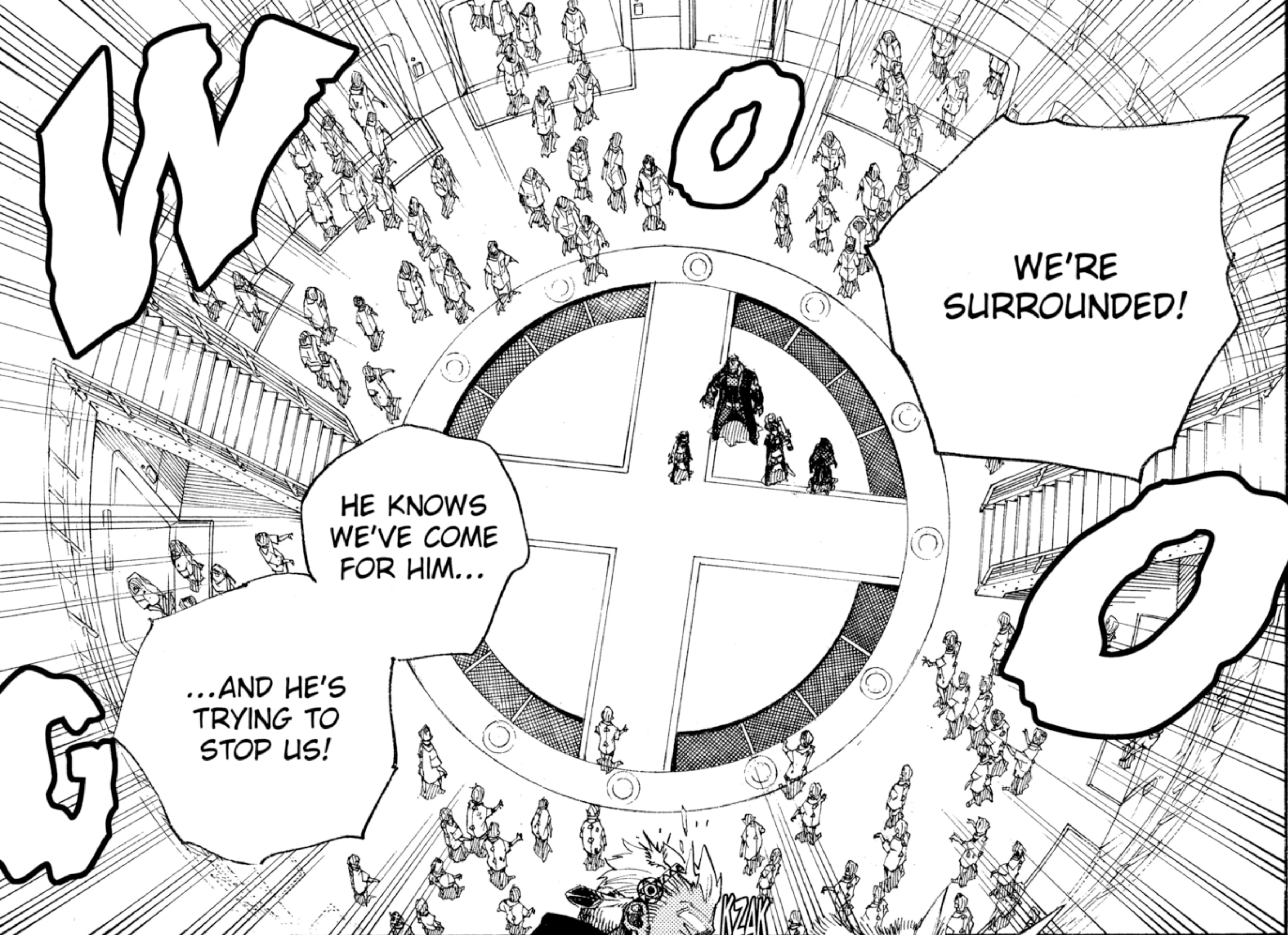
IT APPEARS
DRAGULESCU
IS ABOVE US.

SO LET'S
HURRY
ALONG.

I DON'T
LIKE
THIS.

BANG





WE'RE
SURROUNDED!

HE KNOWS
WE'VE COME
FOR HIM...

...AND HE'S
TRYING TO
STOP US!

KZAK
KZAK



"DEFEND
ME WITH
FIRE!"

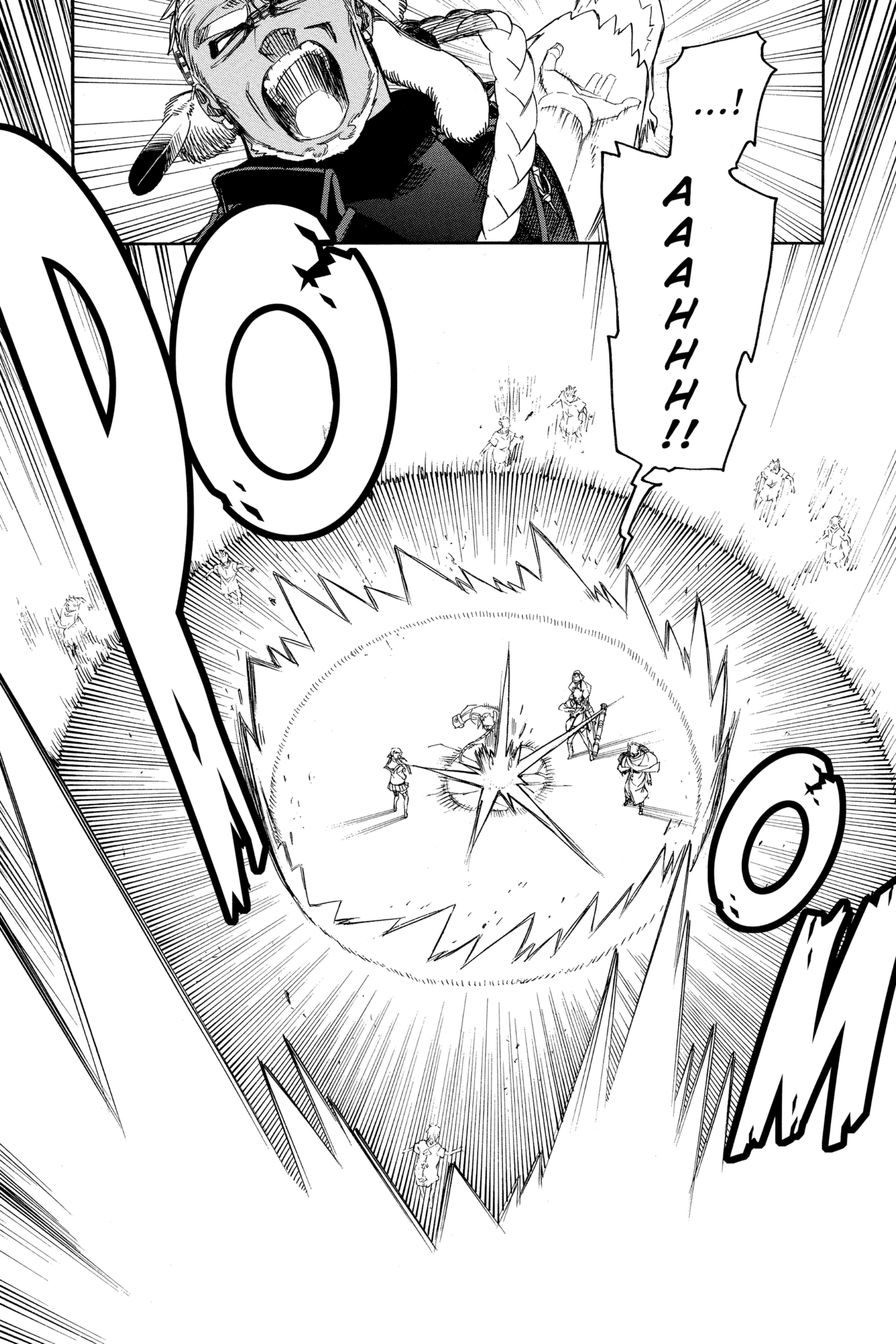
"LEAD ME,
SPIRIT!"

V
R
M

M

**QALETAQA
GAUNTLET!**

M



....!

A A H H H !!



GLOP

FASTER THAN
THE ARTIFICIAL
ZOMBIES IN
REPORTS
ABOUT
SHIMANE!

BLOP

BWOP

BWOP

WHUP

GLOP

THEY
REGENERATE
FAST!

PWOP
PWOP

H W

DIANKU...
AND SO
ON!

...SPIRIT
GOD!

COME
FORTH
...

TORNADO!





SOMETHING'S
HERE! BE
WARY!

HUH?

YOU
MUST
FLEE!

SKRRRRRRRR

CHO

WUP



IT'S A
**CHIMERA
ZOMBIE!!**



AND IT'S
MADE OF
CLONES!



DID THE SYLPH
BELL DIE FROM
GETTING TOO
FAR AWAY OR
DID SOMETHING
KILL IT?!

LOST
THE
SIGNAL.

LIGHTNING!!

?!!

FWASH

KLATTER ROLL ROLL ROLL

CLASH

KLONP

KLONP

RRR

GROOAA

WELL,
DRAGULESCU
IS ABOVE US,
SO...

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?



YOU
GOT
IT!

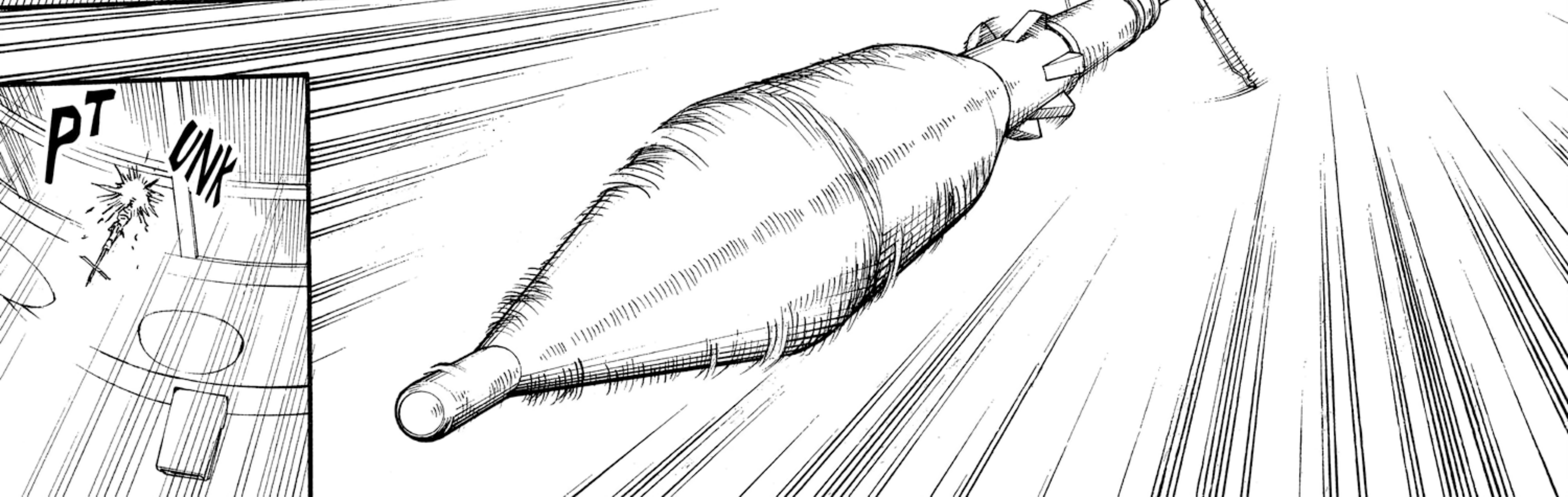
KLO
CLEAR
A PATH!



I
RECOMMEND
DISMISSING
YOUR
FAMILIARS.

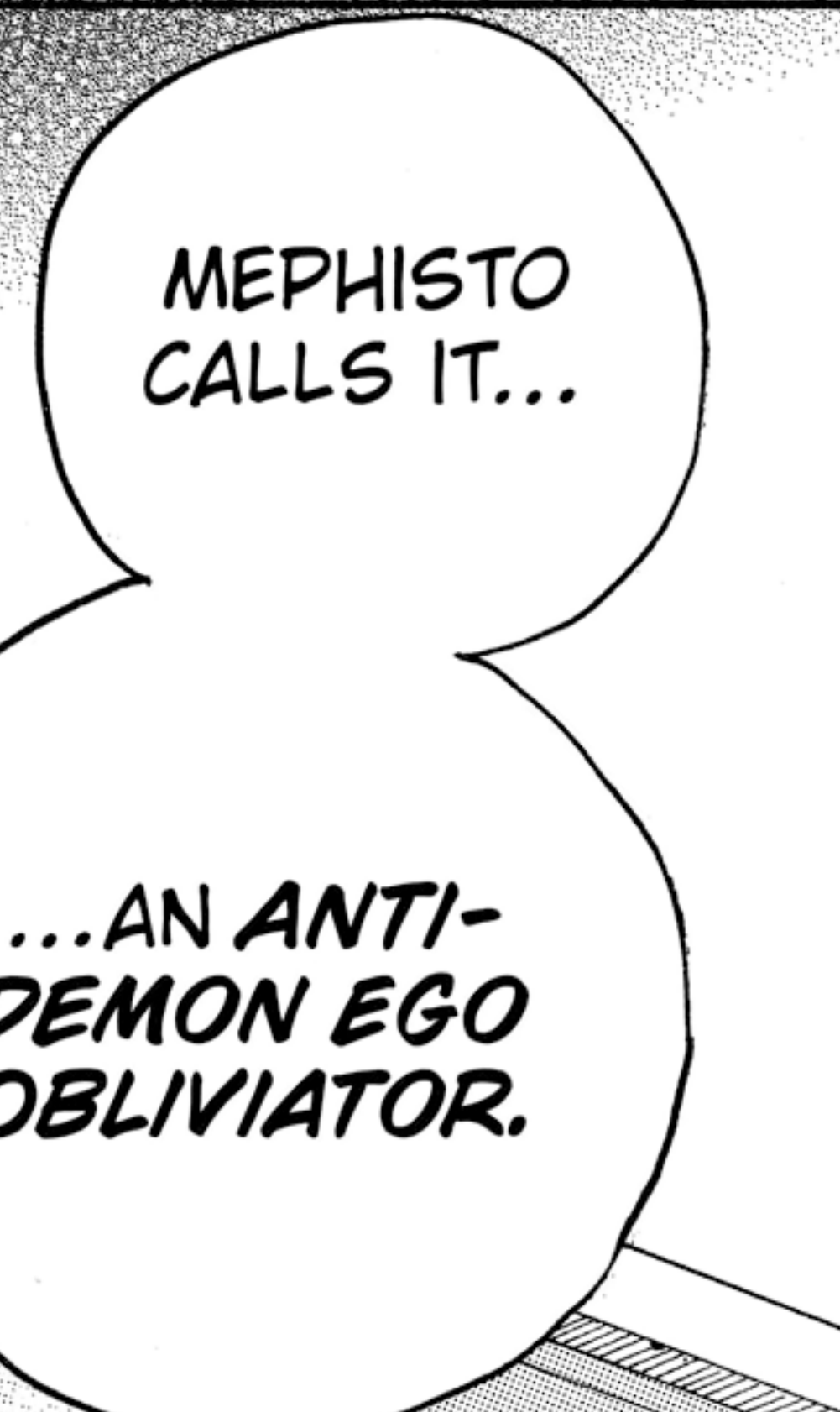
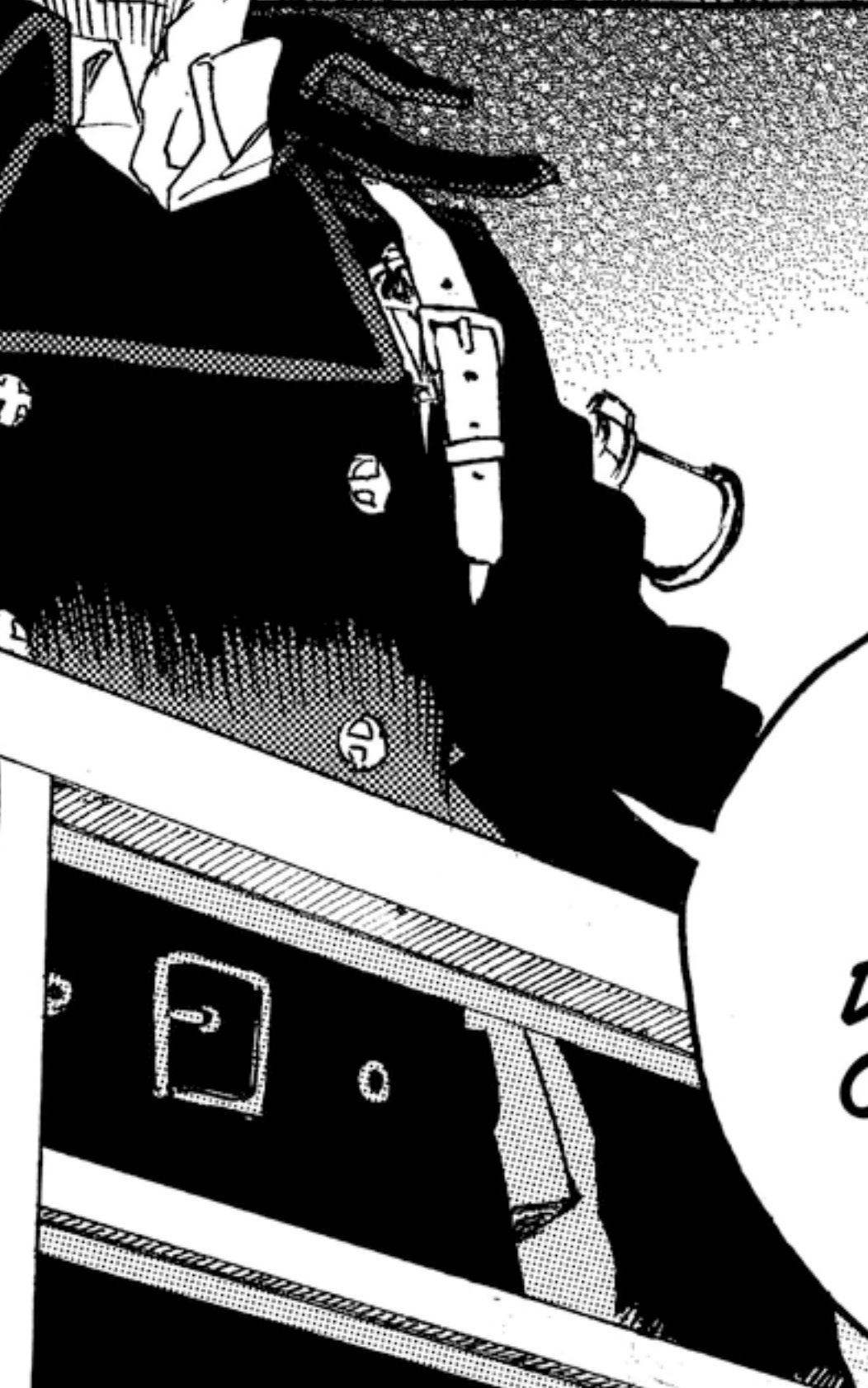
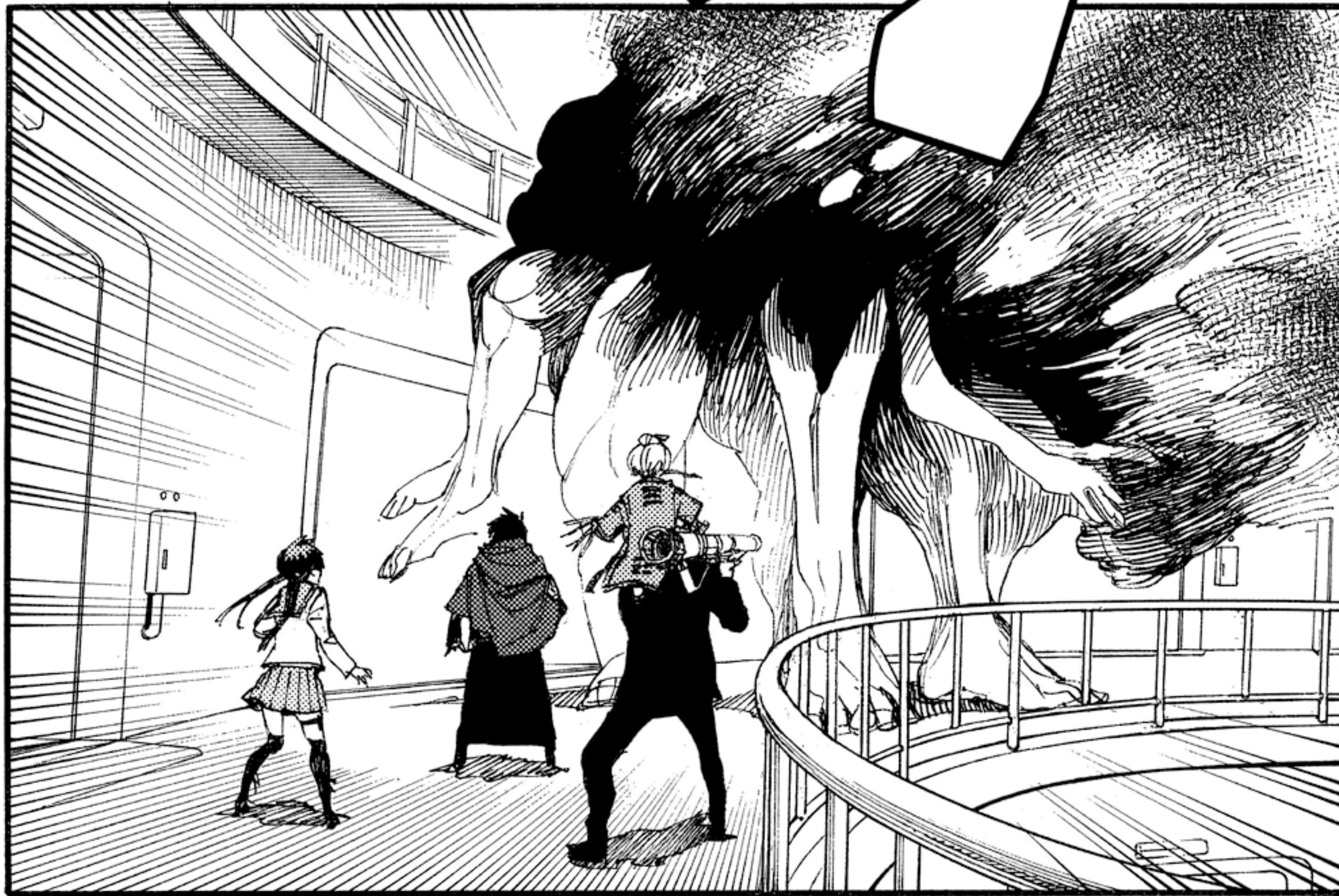
AT LEAST,
THAT'S WHAT
I'D DO.

?!
DADU











....!!



THE
LAST 15
YEARS...

I WORKED IN
COOPERATION
WITH MISUMI,
A FORMER
SCIENTIST FROM
SECTION 13.

...I HAVE
RESEARCHED
**ENHANCED
ANTI-DEMON
COMPOUNDS**
UNDER TOP-
SECRET ORDERS
FROM
MEPHISTO.



B-BUT
ARMUMAHHEL'S
POWER IS
HARMFUL TO
HUMANS, SO WE
WEAKEN IT WITH
HOLY WATER.

DOES
IT HAVE ANY
EFFECT ON
HUMANS?



THE GRENADES
IN THIS ROCKET
LAUNCHER CONTAIN
PRESSURIZED BLACK
FLAME GENERATED
BY THE ARMUMAHHEL
CRYSTAL USED TO
PRODUCE HOLY
WATER.

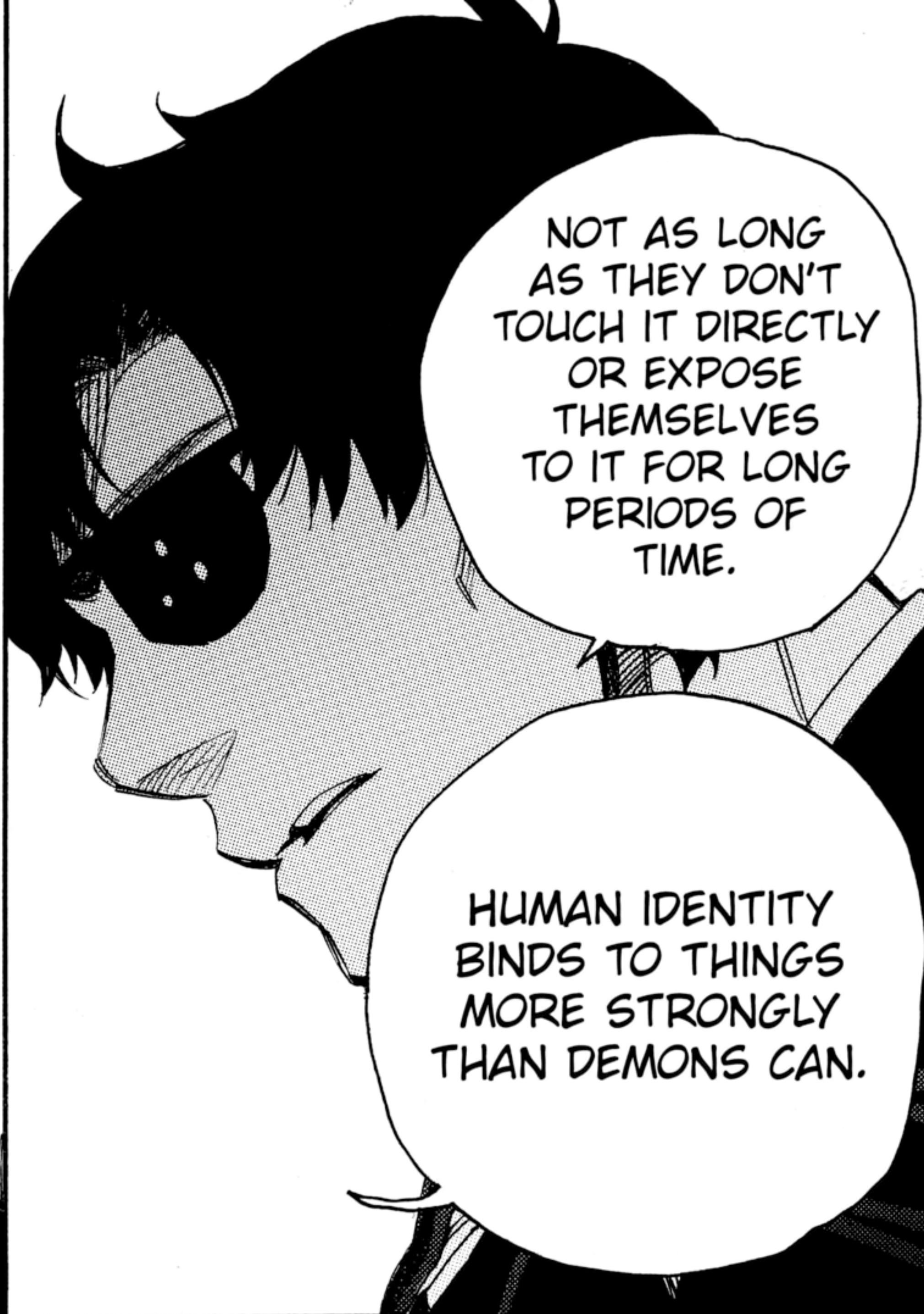
...AND THE LOSS
OF UNITY WITHIN
IT RESULTS IN
COMPLETE
DESTRUCTION.

UPON IMPACT,
THEY DISPEL
THE IDENTITY
OF THE
POSSESSING
DEMON...



...LEAVING
THE REST
TO ME
AS HIS
ASSISTANT.

MISUMI DID
GOOD WORK,
BUT HE DIED
BEFORE IT WAS
COMPLETE...



NOT AS LONG
AS THEY DON'T
TOUCH IT DIRECTLY
OR EXPOSE
THEMSELVES
TO IT FOR LONG
PERIODS OF
TIME.

HUMAN IDENTITY
BINDS TO THINGS
MORE STRONGLY
THAN DEMONS CAN.



IT'S AN
ASTOUNDING
INVENTION.

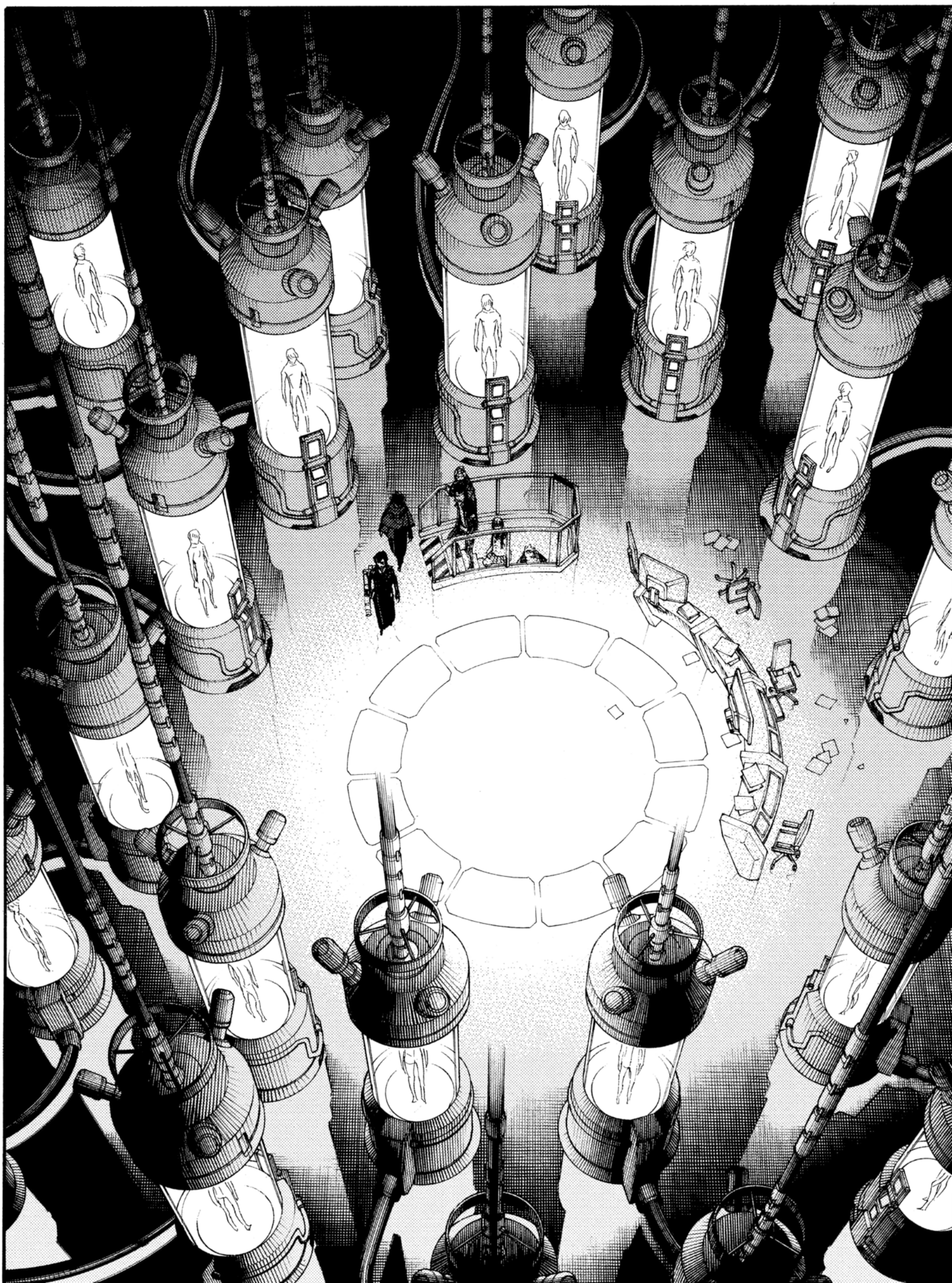
DOES THIS
MEAN I
MISJUDGED
YOU?



WE HAVEN'T
MASS-PRODUCED
THE GRENADES,
SO THERE'S
ONLY ONE
LEFT.

HMPH!

THERE IS
NO NEED
FOR
PRAISE.



I TH-
THINK
THEY'RE
CLONES.

FROM THE
AZAZEL AND
LUCIFER
GROUPS.

NO.

FLN

WAH!!

WHAT'S
THAT?!

WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?

LOOK
CLOSELY.

CLONES
GROWN IN THE
WOMB SHOWED
INDIVIDUAL
TRAITS THE WAY
SIBLINGS MIGHT...

...BUT NOT
THESE.

SPSSS

BWPPPP

FRESHH

THE CELLS ARE
GROWING WITH
INCREDIBLE
SPEED.



IT APPEARS
THE ELIXIR
RESEARCH
FINALLY CAME
TO FRUITION.

THE MEDIUM
IS A SPECIAL
SOLUTION...

...THAT
MAKES
USE OF
THE
ELIXIRS.



...OF
**LUCIFER
OR SATAN.**

THIS IS A
**PERFECT
REPLICANT...**



LIGHTNING
?!

...I GET
THAT DRAC
DRAGULESCU
IS A TRAITOR,
BUT...

I
MEAN
...

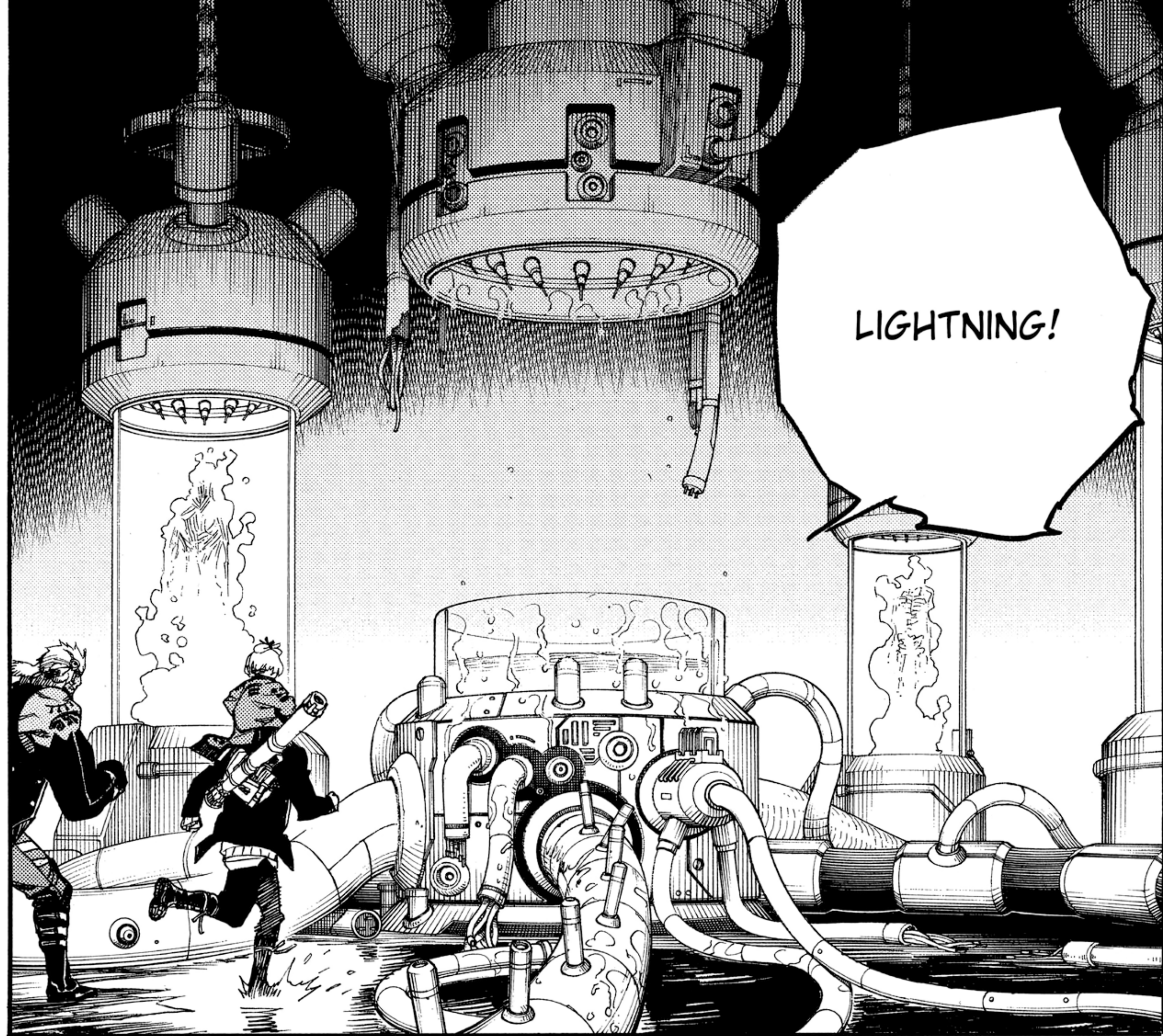
HEY!

NO...

SLAP

...WAIT.
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

OF
**SATAN
?!!**





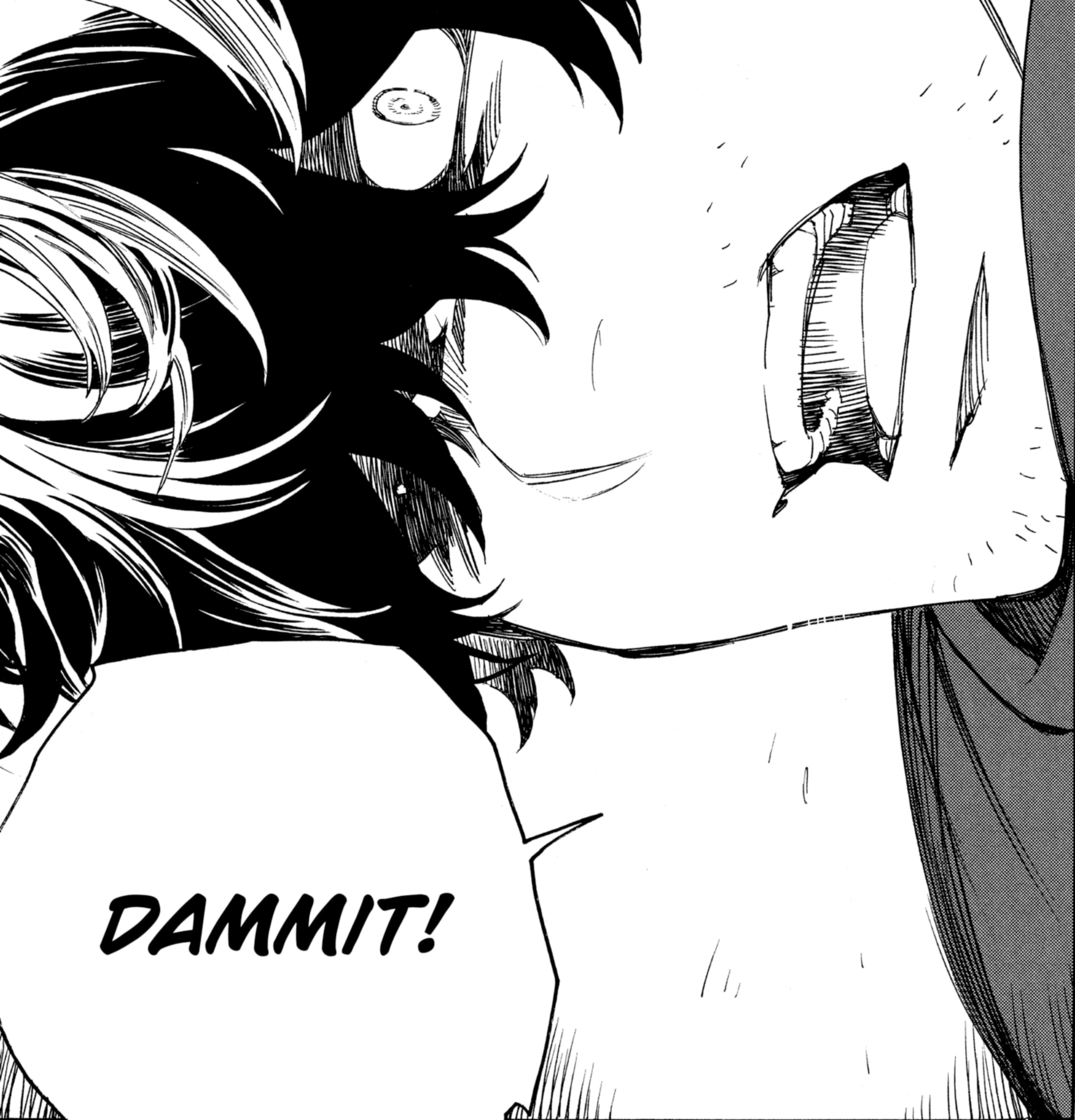
IT APPEARS
HE DIVERTED
THE CURSE OF
BEHEADING
ELSEWHERE
AND REMOVED
THE BELL.



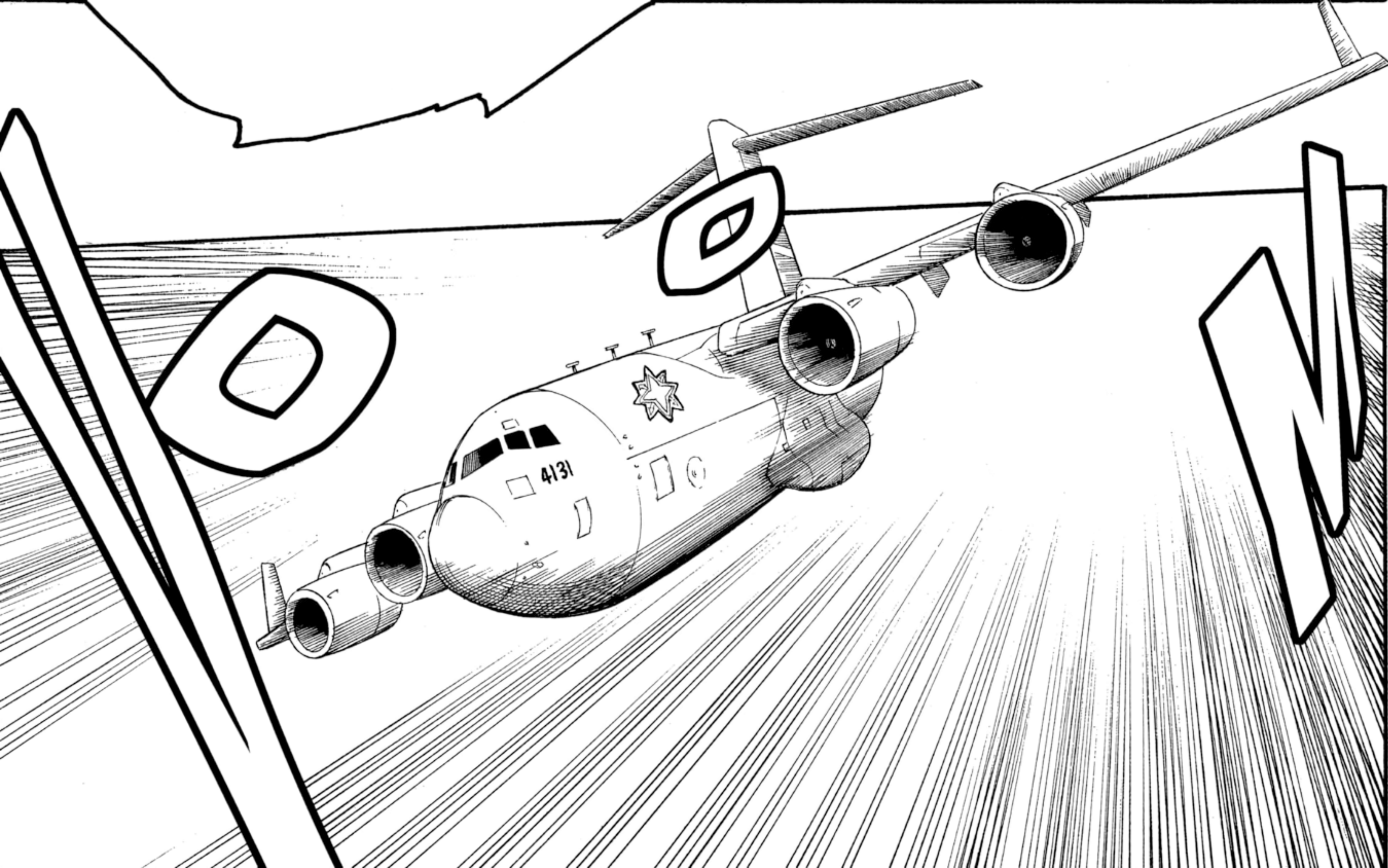
AND I
FAILED.

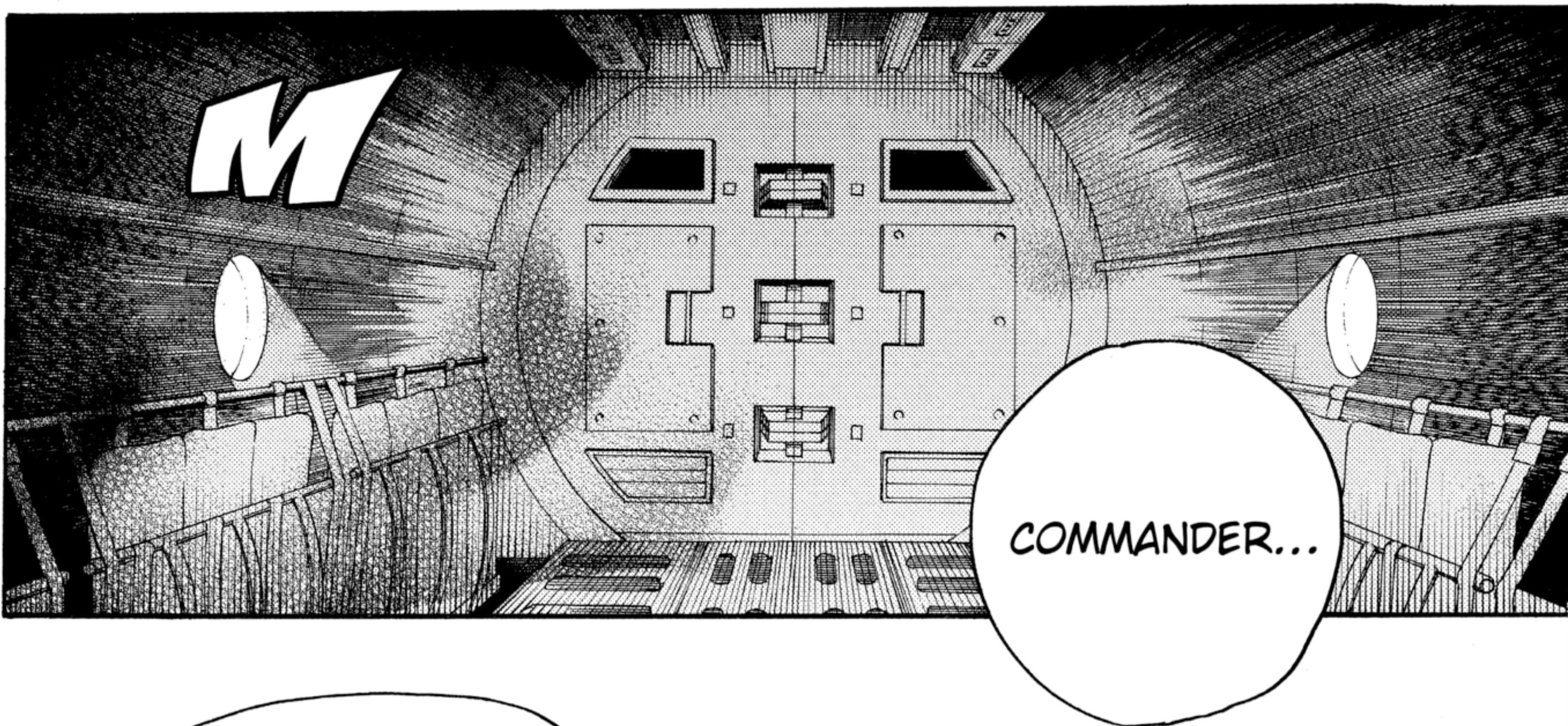
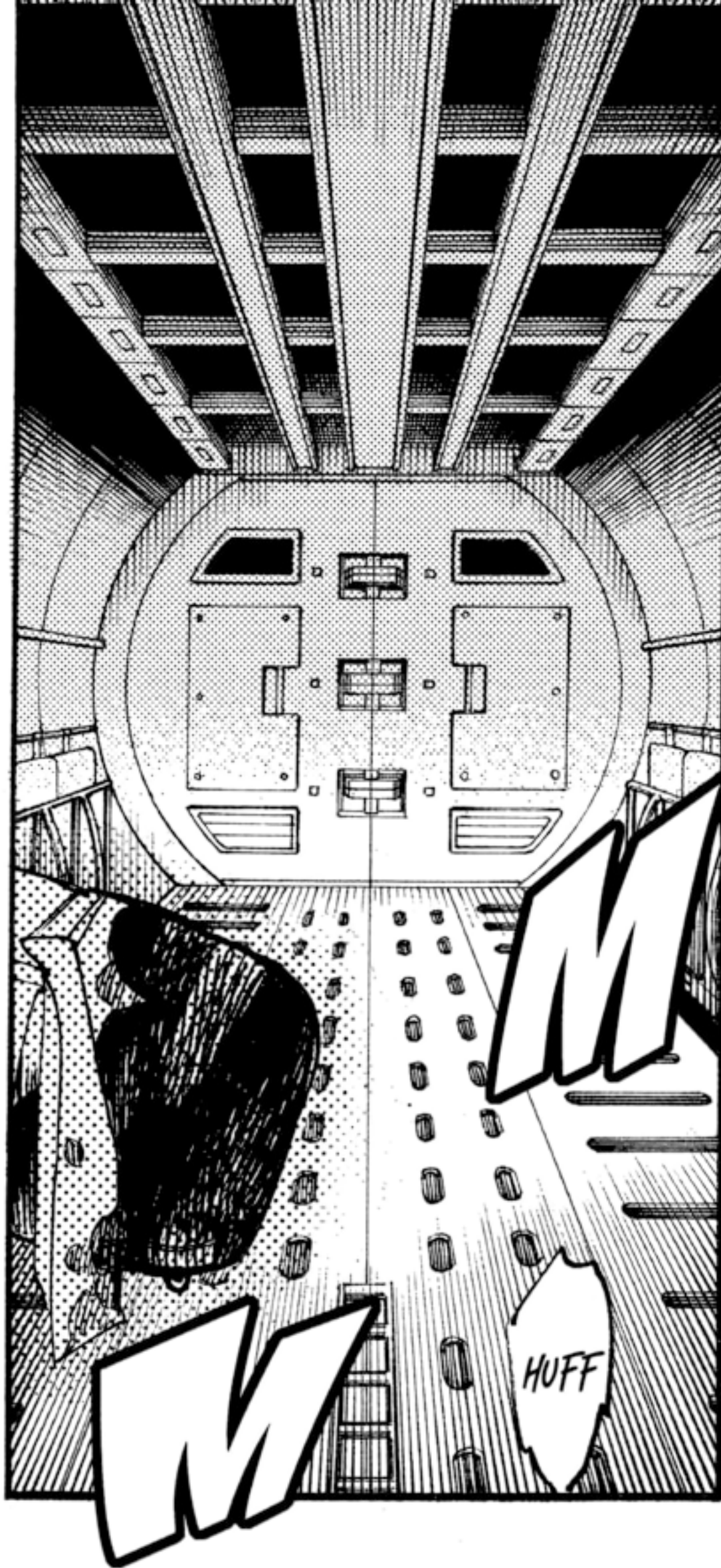


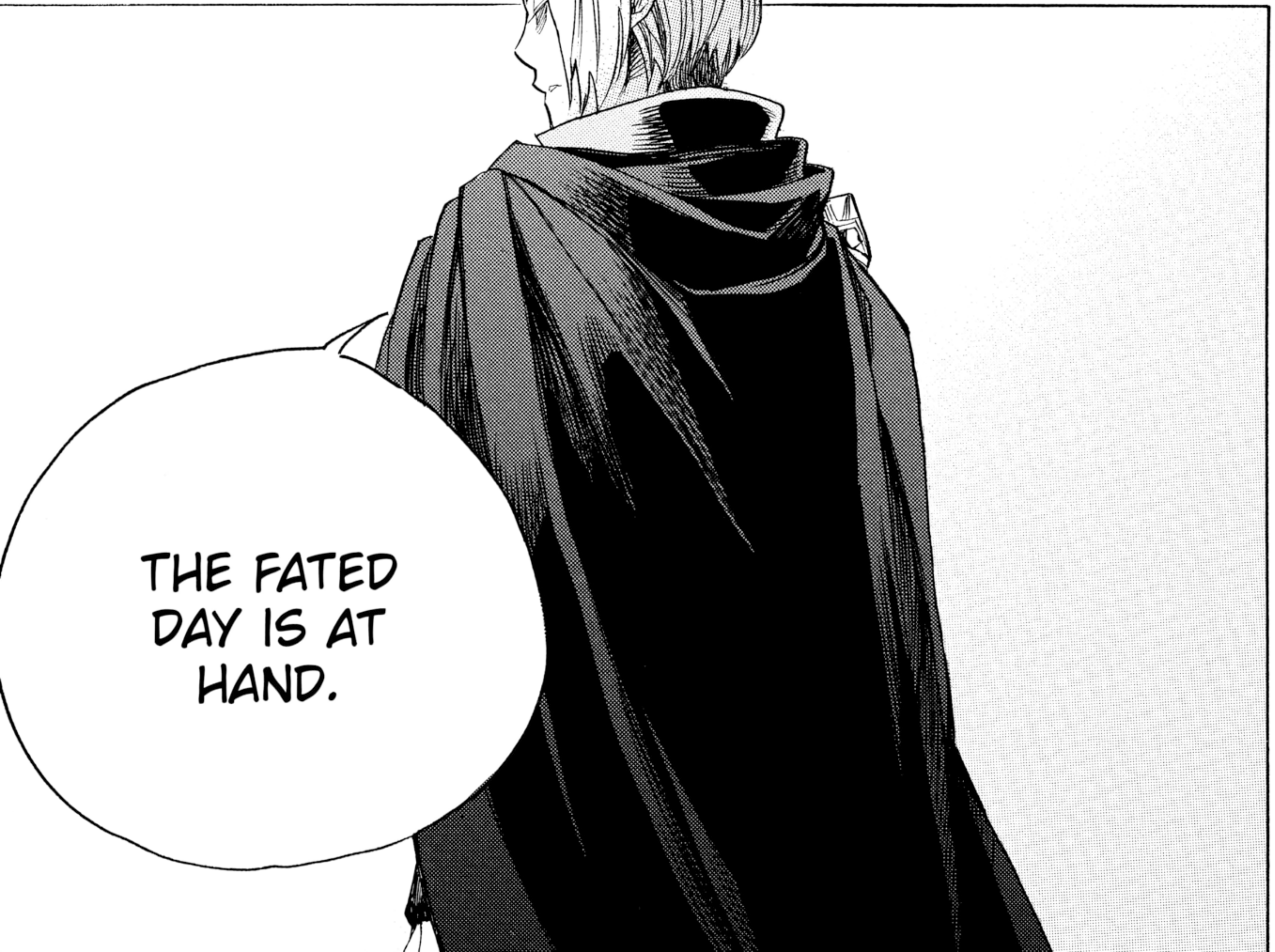
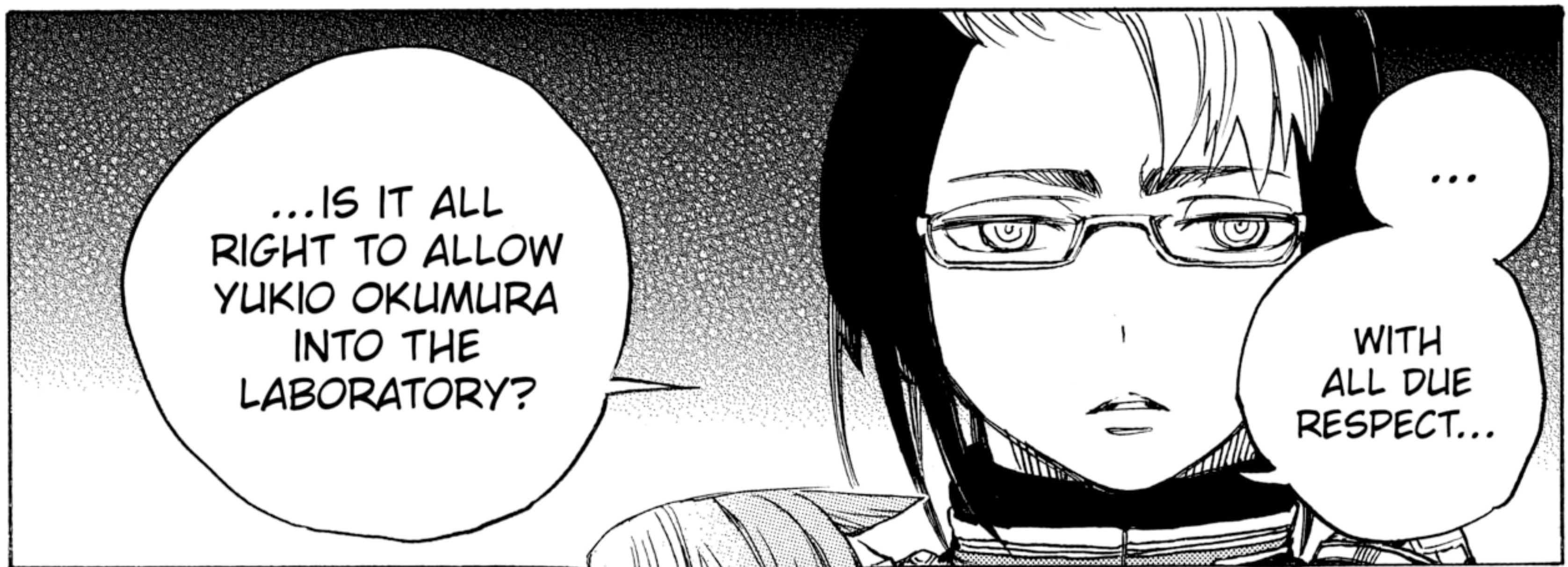
HE GOT
AWAY.

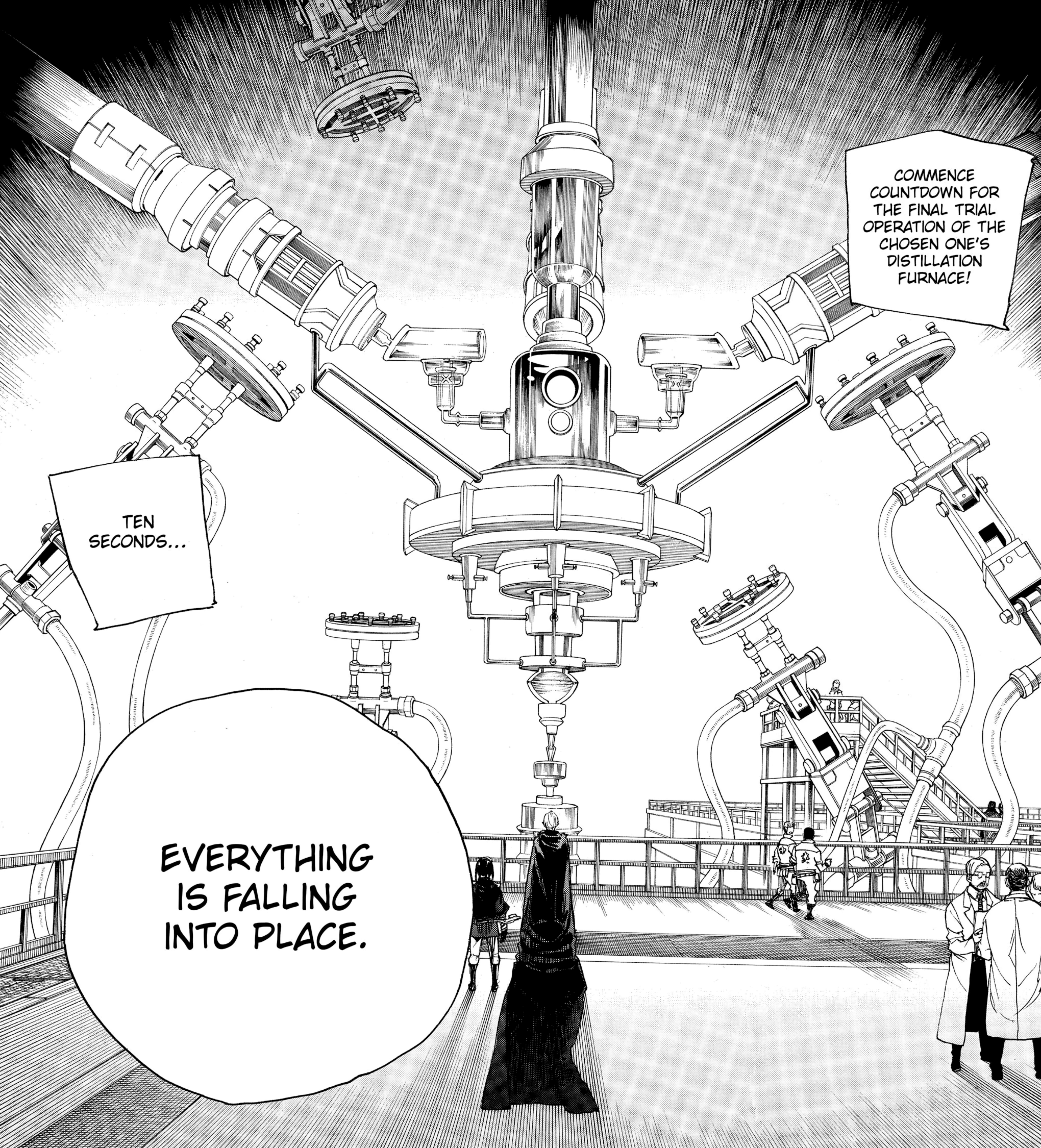


DAMMIT!









COMMENCE
COUNTDOWN FOR
THE FINAL TRIAL
OPERATION OF THE
CHOSEN ONE'S
DISTILLATION
FURNACE!

TEN
SECONDS...

EVERYTHING
IS FALLING
INTO PLACE.

AND IT IS
IMPORTANT...

...THAT HE
WITNESS
EVENTS AS
THEY UNFOLD.



Hm?
Rin, are you
asleep?


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I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.




DRAGULESCU
IS A TRAITOR!



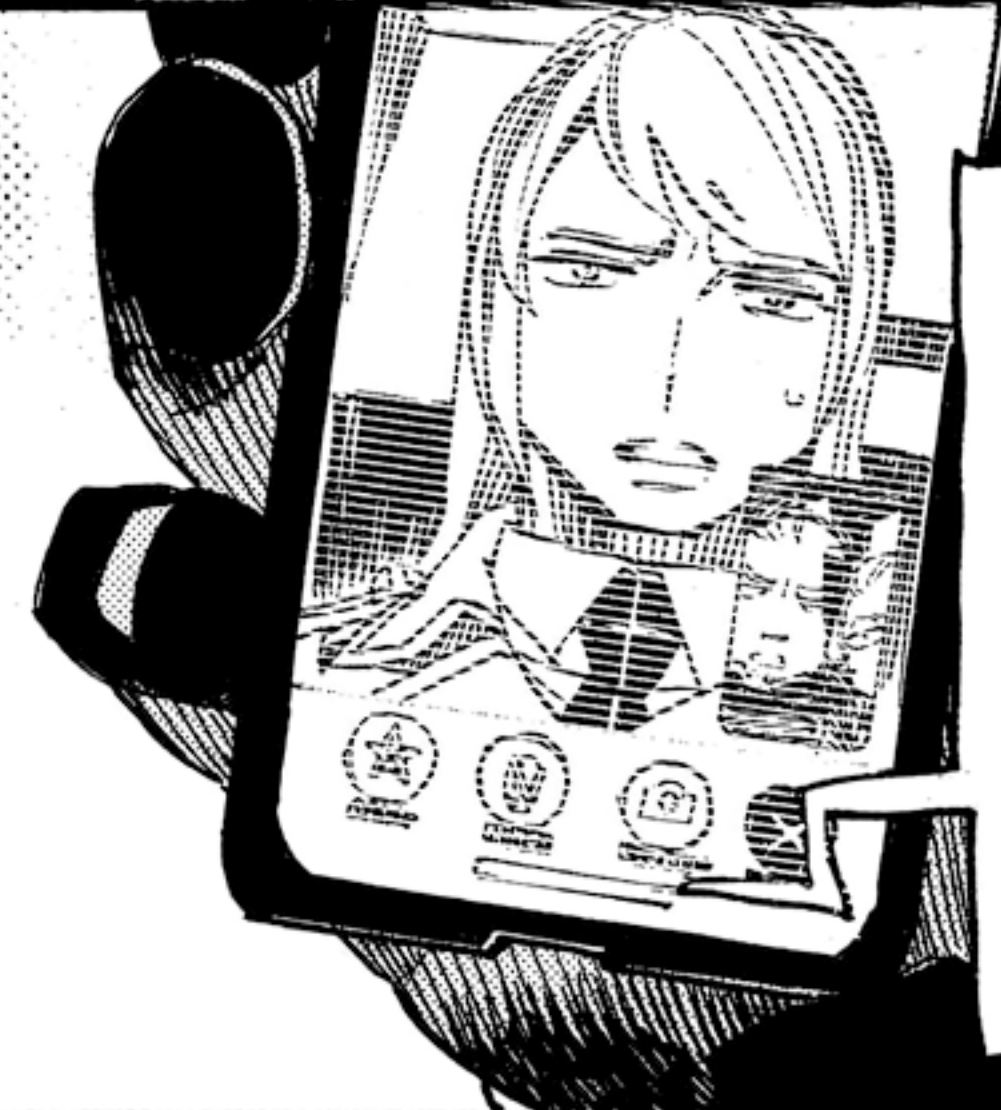


WE MUST FIND
HIM AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

THERE IS A
STRONG
POSSIBILITY THAT
DRAGULESCU
COMPLETED
SATAN'S VESSEL
FOR POSSESSION
BEFORE HE FLED.




I
UNDERSTAND.
I MYSELF ONLY
HALF BELIEVED
IT.



IF YOU HADN'T
COOPERATED
WITH
LIGHTNING,
THE SITUATION
WOULD BE
WORSE.

YOU HAVE
MY
GRATITUDE.



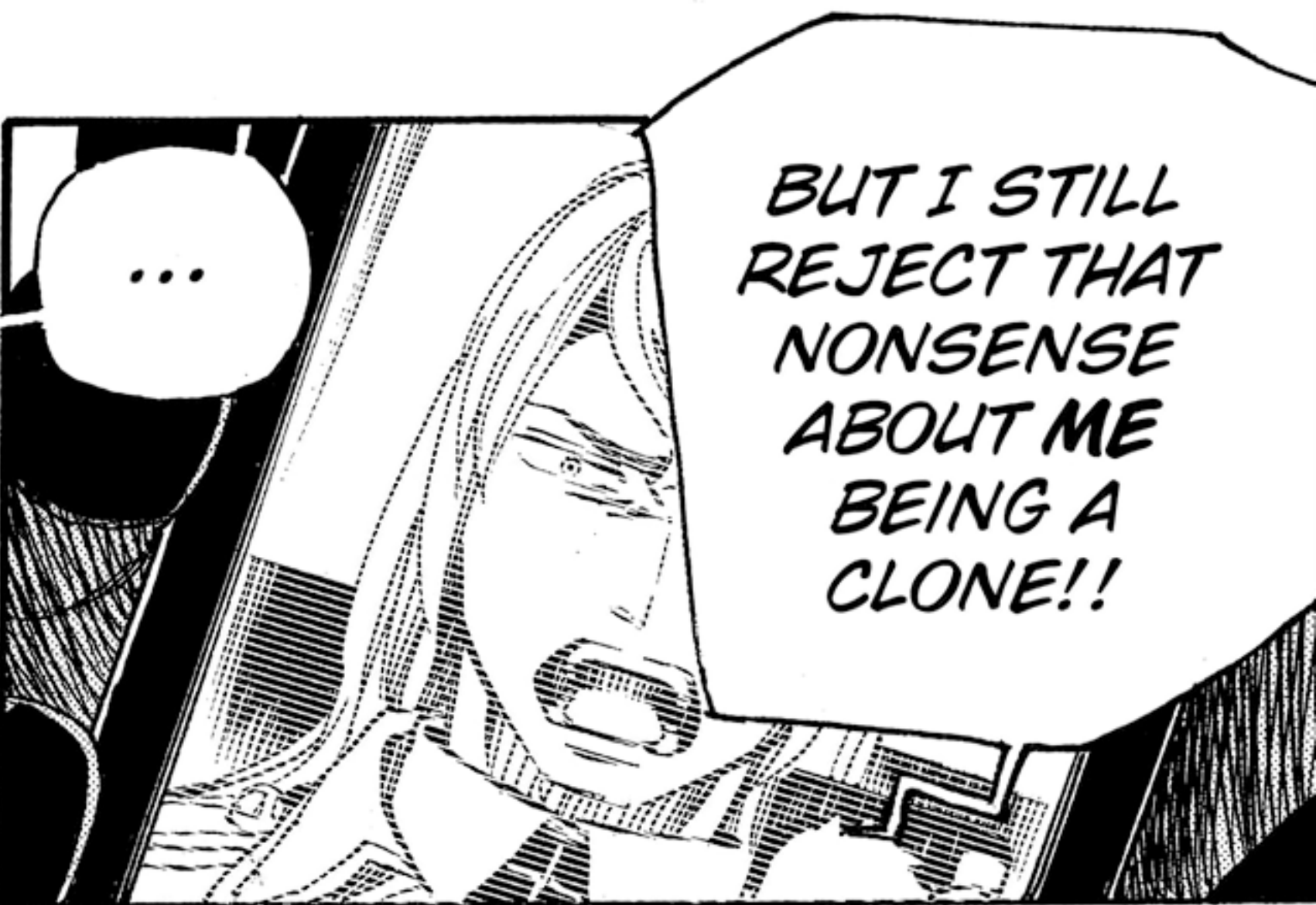
SEARCH FOR
ANY CLUES TO
DRAGULESCU'S
WHEREABOUTS.

I WILL
IMMEDIATELY
DISPATCH AN
INVESTIGATIVE
TEAM.



HE
DESERVES
OUR TRUST.

LIGHTNING
HAS
PROVEN IT.



...

BUT I STILL
REJECT THAT
NONSENSE
ABOUT ME
BEING A
CLONE!!



I DON'T
KNOW.

THE ONLY
THING I
CAN DO
NOW IS
WAIT.

WAIT?



ISN'T
THERE
ANOTHER
WAY?

PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
LIGHTNING.



AHH...

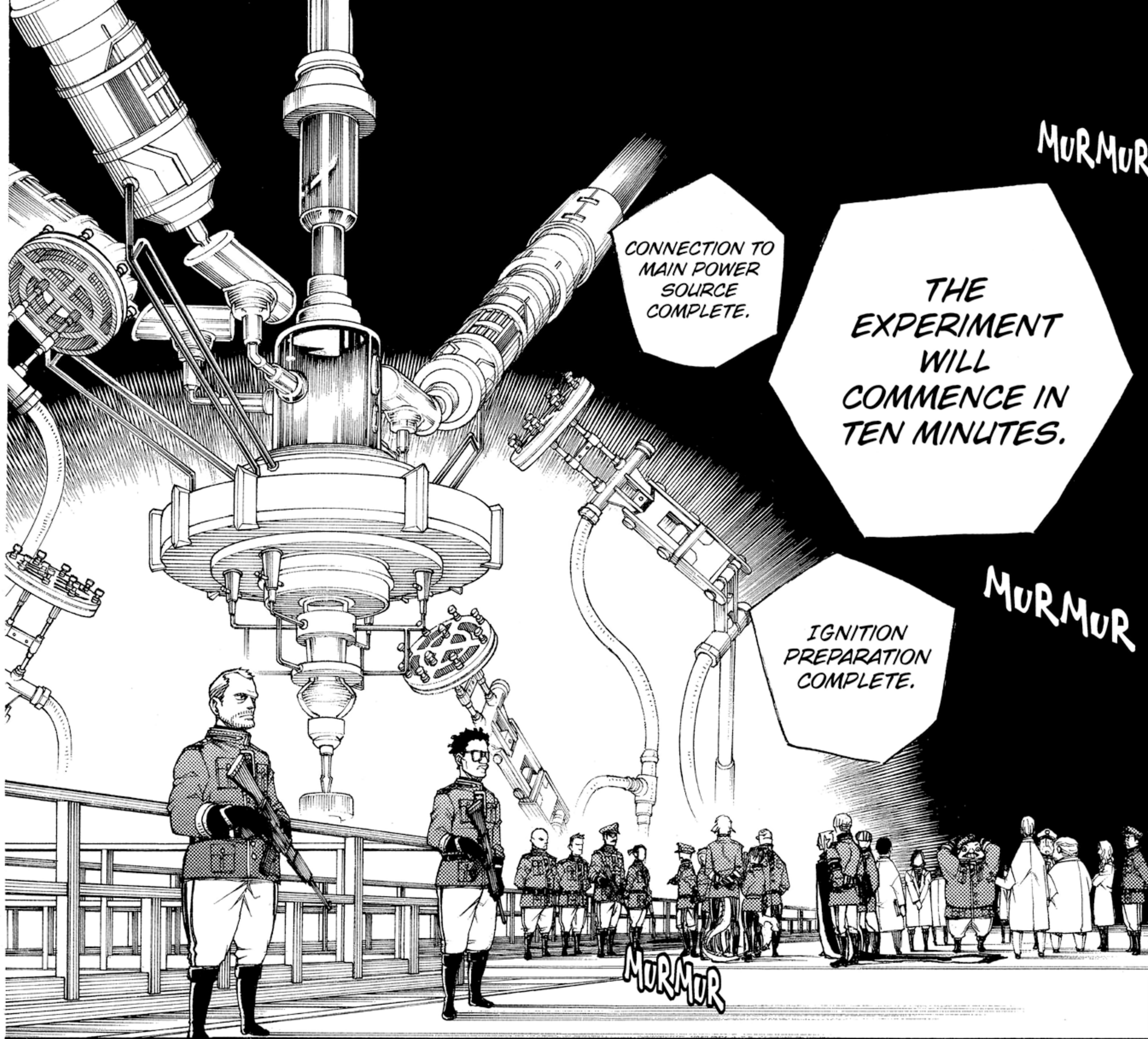
GODS,
ANCESTORS,
SPIRITS...
PLEASE, COME TO
MY AID. HECK,
EVEN *CUPID*
WOULD DO!!

ARE YOU
REALLY THIS
GUY'S
APPRENTICE?

...



THE CENTRAL
CHAMBER HAS
SUFFICIENT
VOLTAGE AND IS
FUNCTIONING
PROPERLY.



CONNECTION TO
MAIN POWER
SOURCE
COMPLETE.

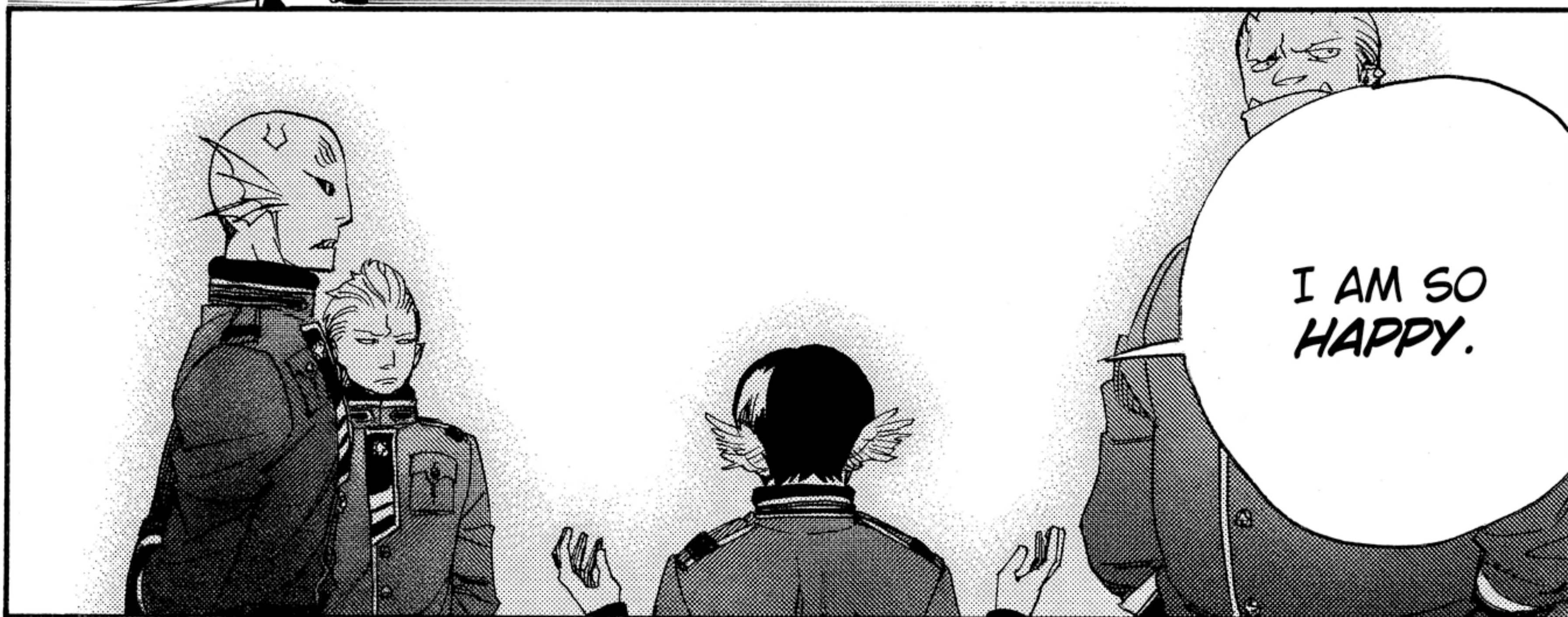
THE
EXPERIMENT
WILL
COMMENCE IN
TEN MINUTES.

IGNITION
PREPARATION
COMPLETE.

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR



I AM SO
HAPPY.



...BUT NOW
I'M PART OF
THIS AMAZING
ACHIEVEMENT!

I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN A
NOBODY...

P
L
I
P

I WISH MY
BROTHER AND
FATHER WERE
STILL ALIVE TO
WITNESS THIS.

COMMENCE
PREPARATIONS
FOR LOADING THE
CHOSEN ONES
INTO THE ROTARY
CHAMBER.

THE TIME
HAS COME.

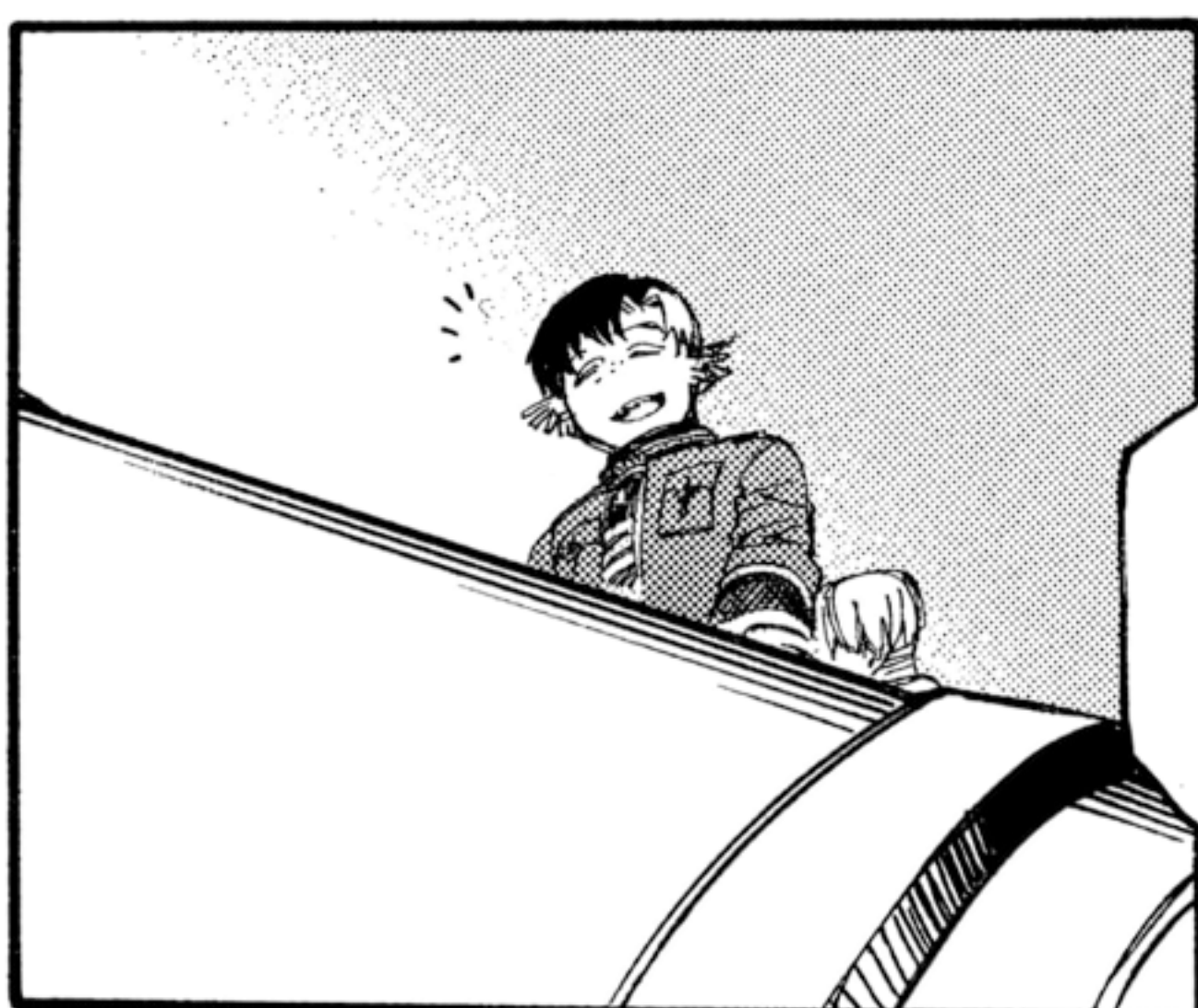
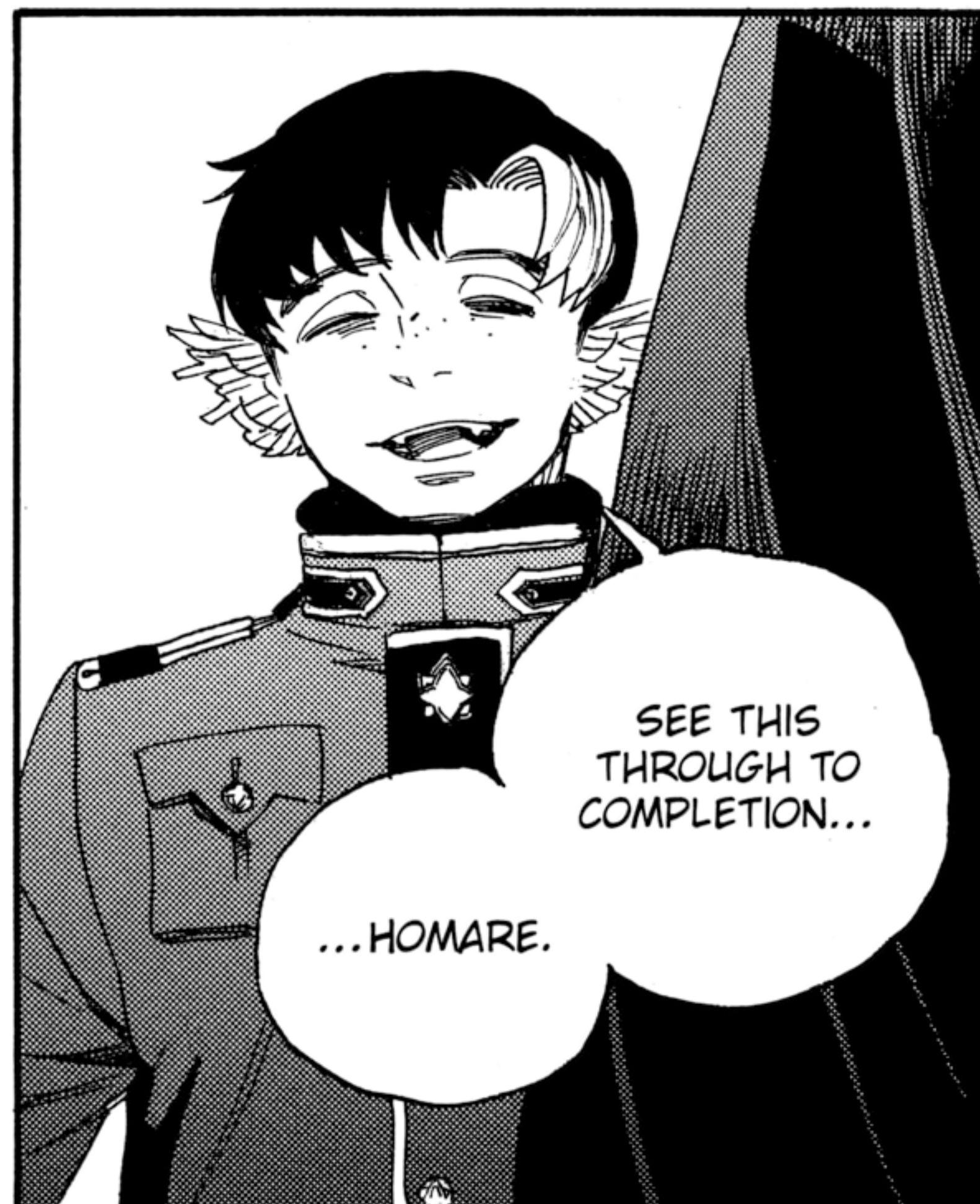
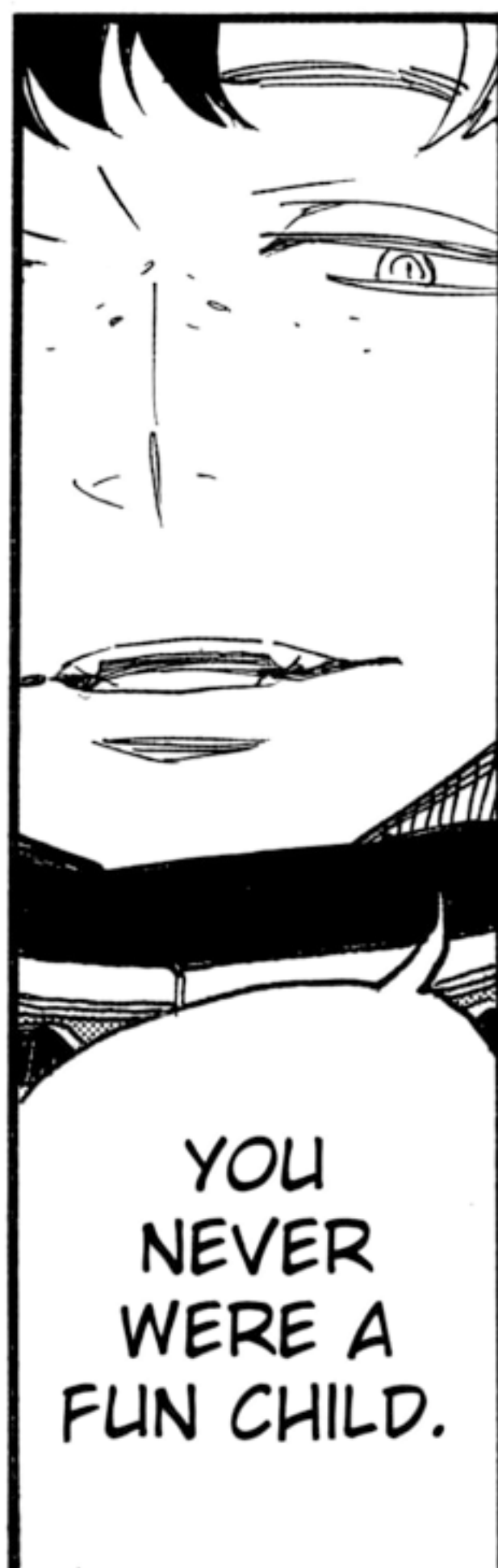
...TO
CREATE A
NEW
WORLD!

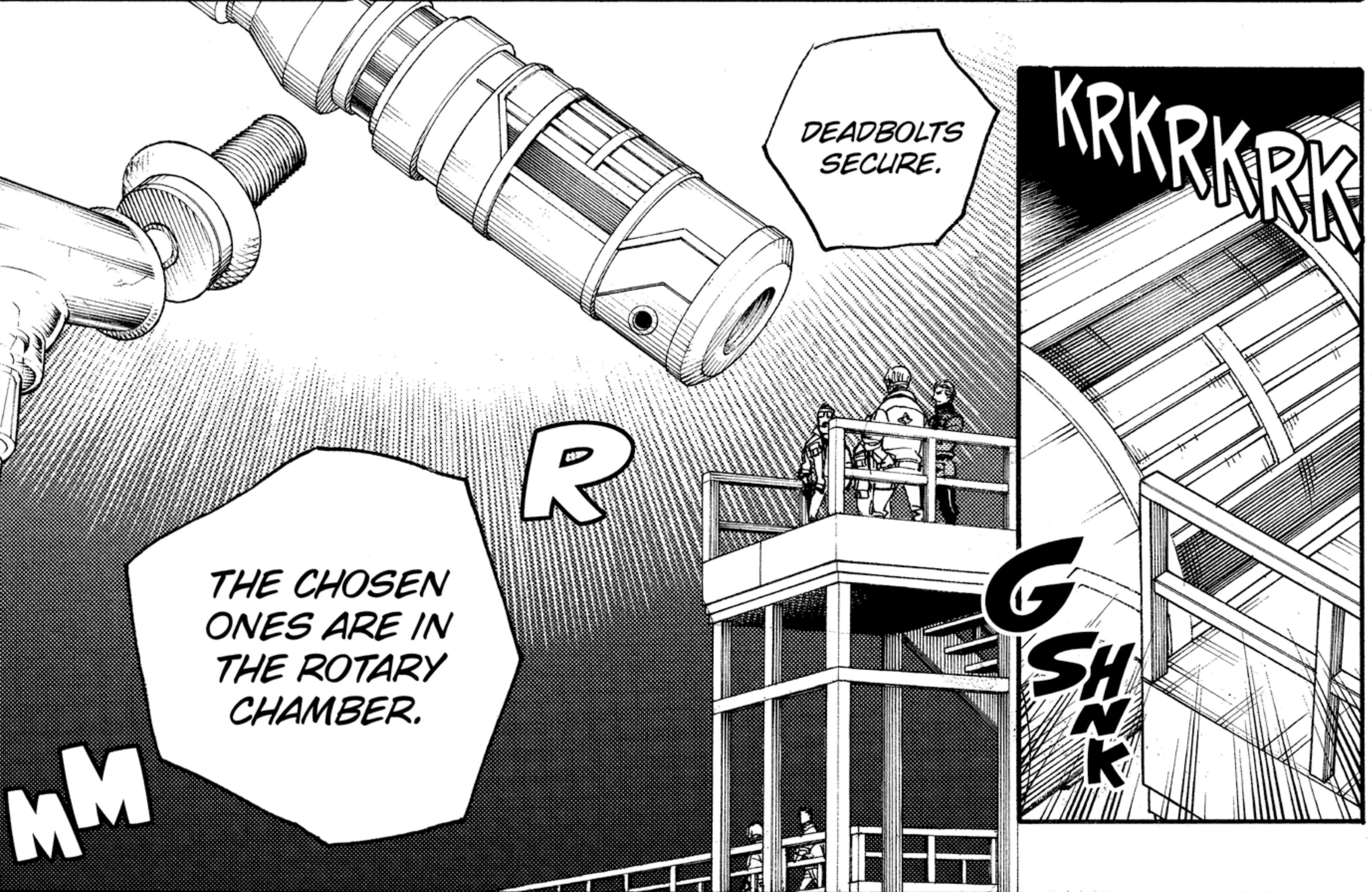
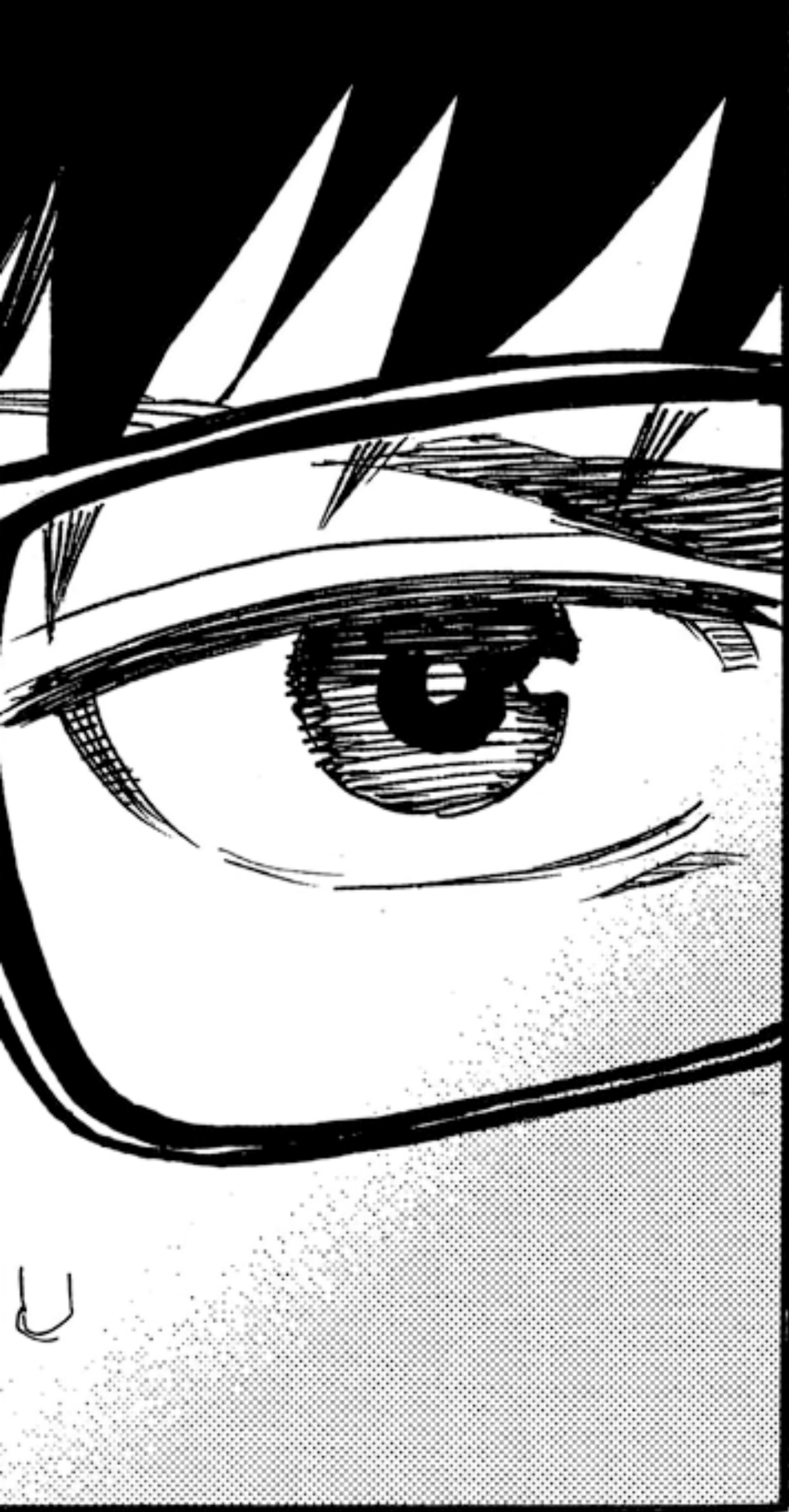
I BELIEVE
THAT YOU
WILL NOT
FAIL...

YES,
SIR!

THANK YOU,
CHOSEN
ONES.

AND
GOODBYE.





DEADBOLTS
SECURE.

THE CHOSEN
ONES ARE IN
THE ROTARY
CHAMBER.

R

G
SH
N
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KRKRKRK

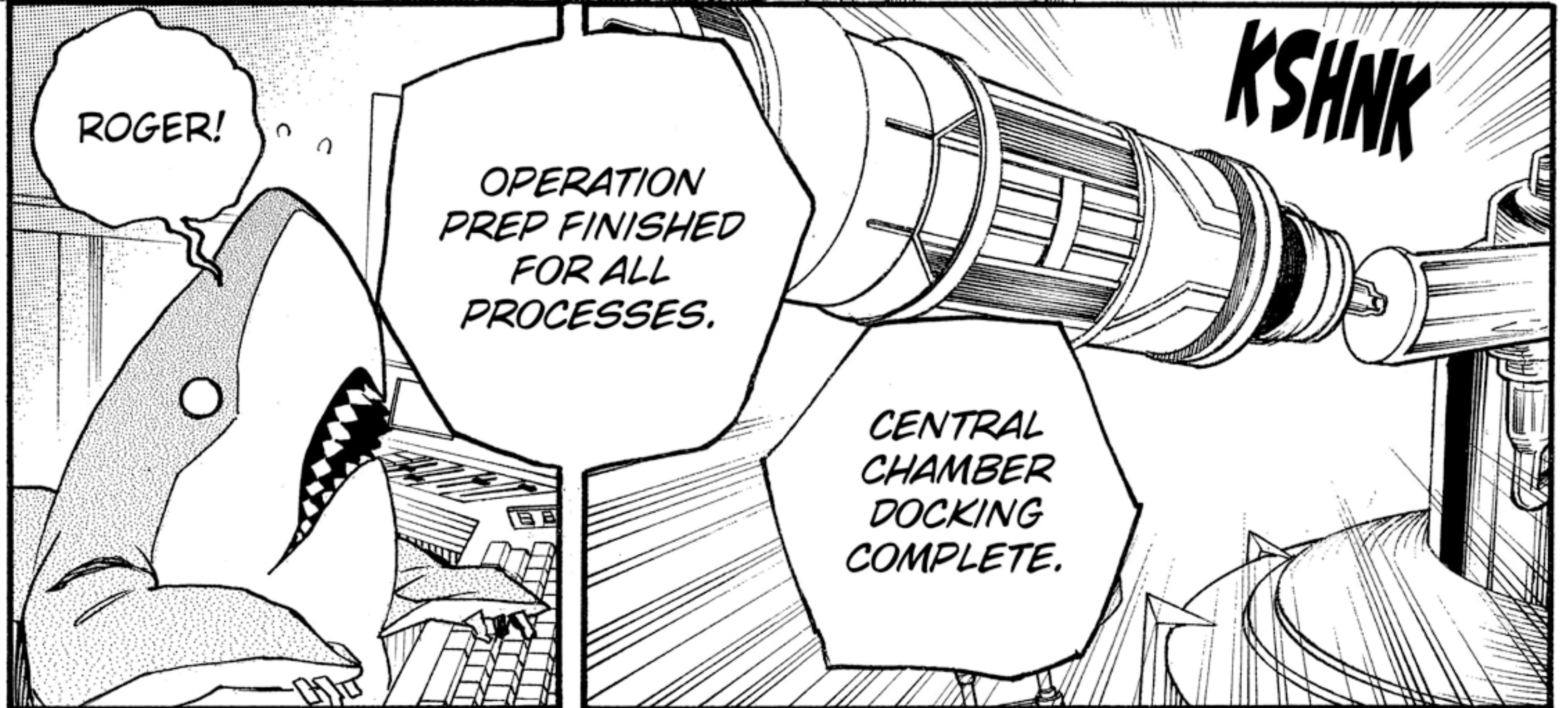
MM



LUCIFER
...

FWP

IT'S
F-FINALLY
TIME!



ROGER!

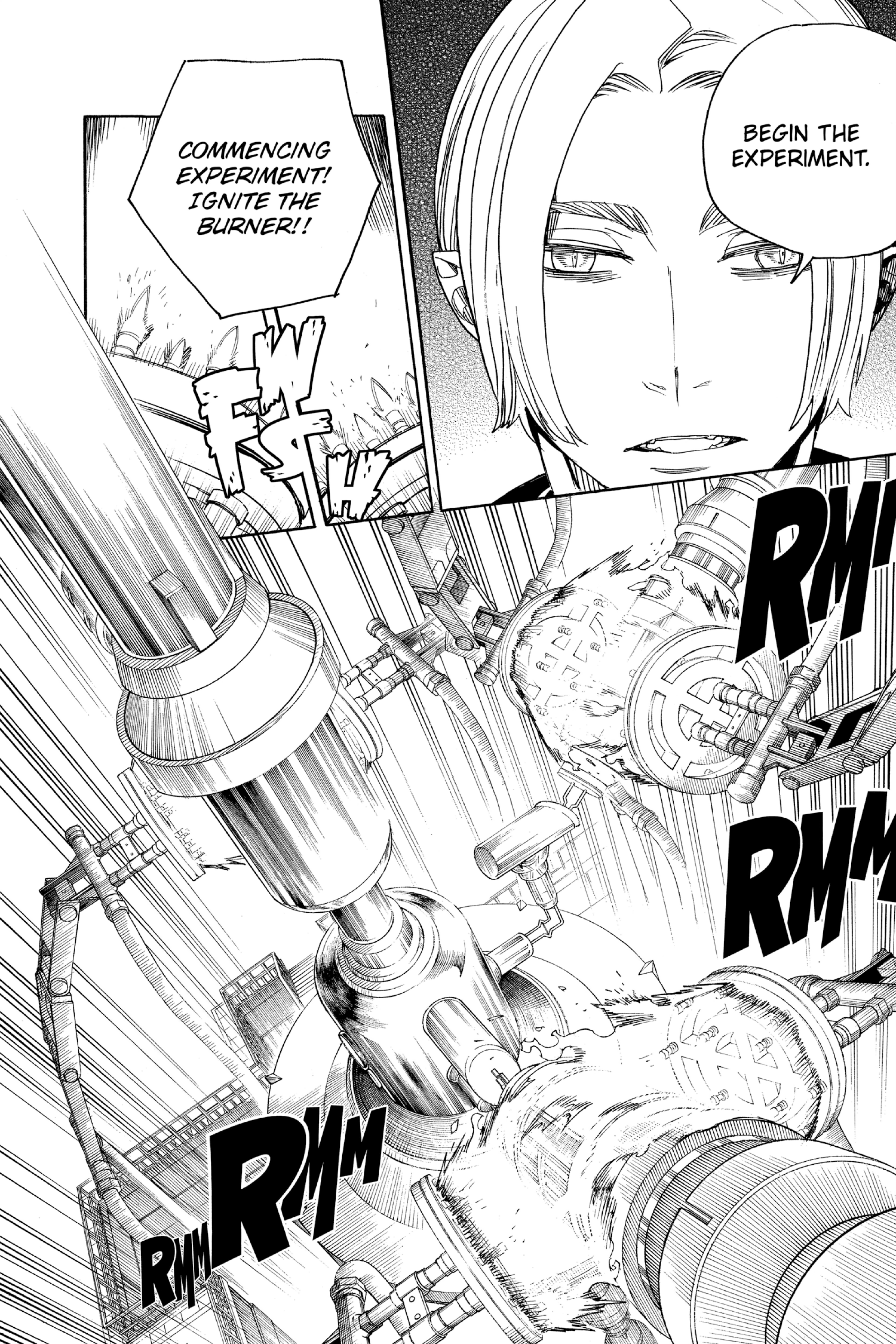
OPERATION
PREP FINISHED
FOR ALL
PROCESSES.

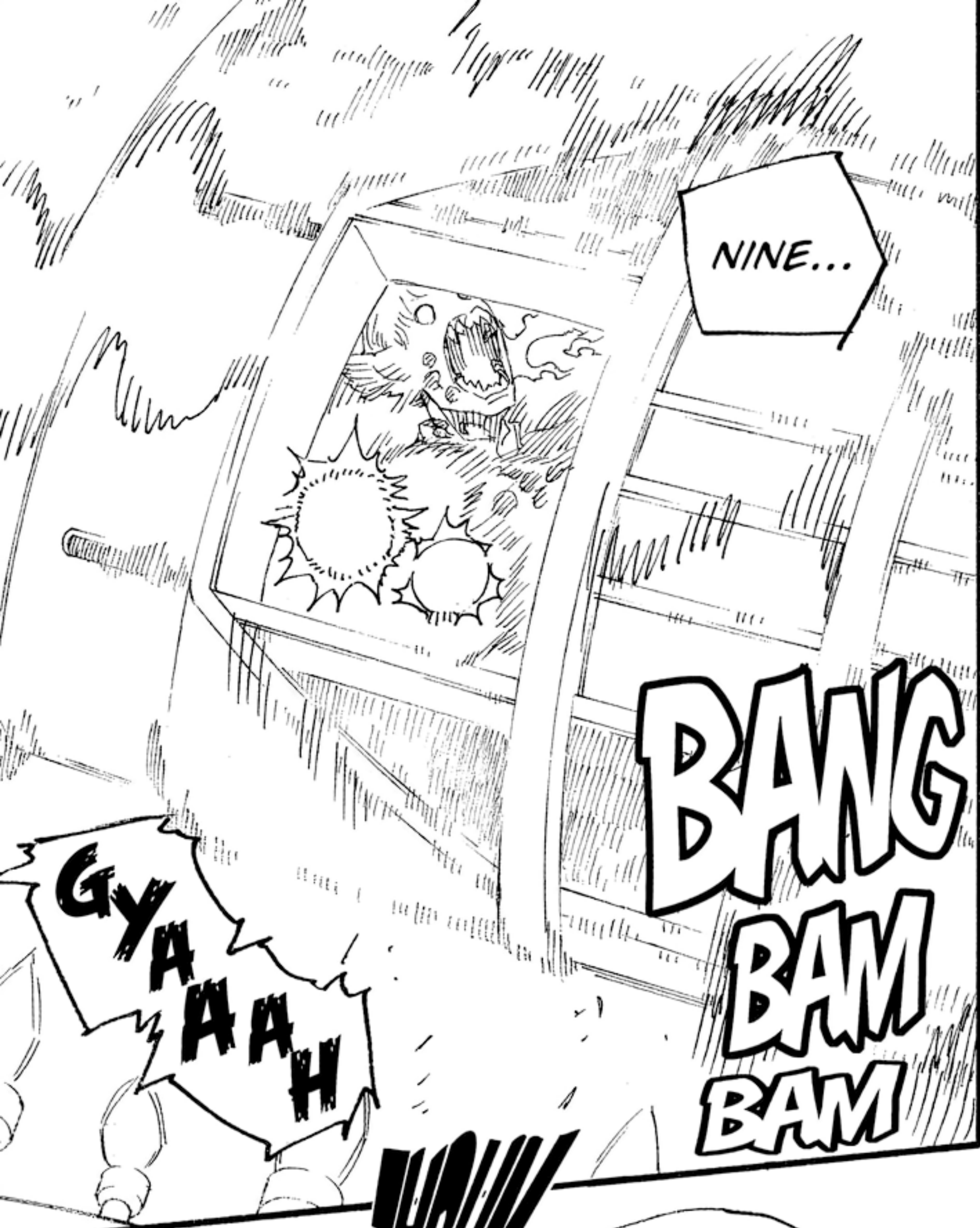
CENTRAL
CHAMBER
DOCKING
COMPLETE.

KSHNK

COMMENCING
EXPERIMENT!
IGNITE THE
BURNER!!

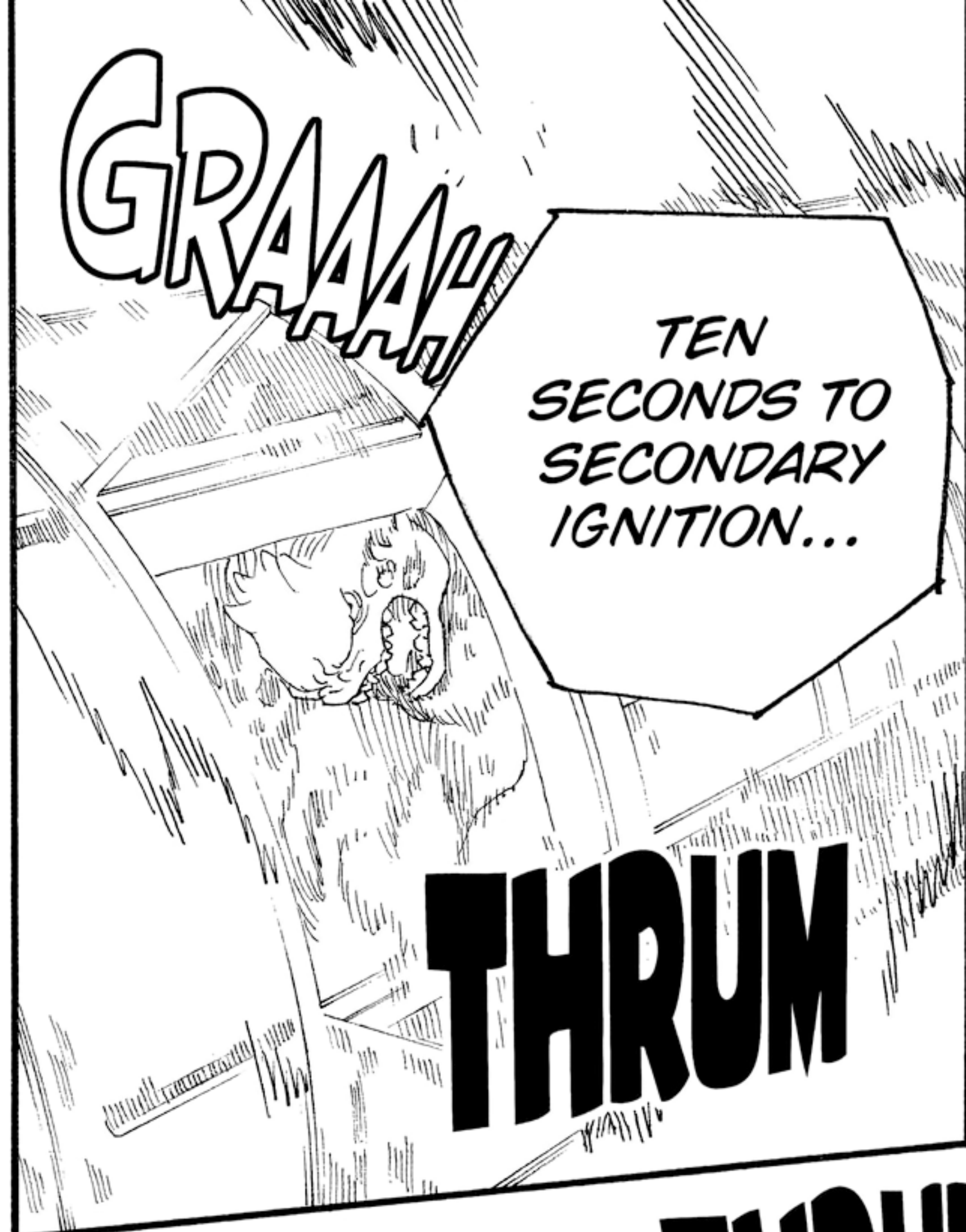
BEGIN THE
EXPERIMENT.





NINE...

BANG
BAM
BAM



TEN
SECONDS TO
SECONDARY
IGNITION...

THRUM



WHAT
EXACTLY
ARE THE
CHOSEN
ONES?!

THEY'RE
STILL ALIVE
DESPITE
THE
FLAMES?

...
EIGHT
...

...
SEVEN
...

THRUM

THRUM

...THEN
UNDERWENT
INTENSE TESTING
AND SURVIVED.

TAK

THEY ARE
SUBJECTS
OF ELIXIR
EXPERIMENTATION
WHOSE
BODIES GREW
STRONGER...

TESTING?

...AND WHO
MAINTAINED
THEIR RATIONAL
FACULTIES AFTER
FORCED DEMONIC
POSSESSION...

THRUM



OUROBOROS
...

...**PHOENIX**...

...**AND**
HYDRA!

...THEREBY
EVENTUALLY
ACHIEVING THE
ULTIMATE
REGENERATIVE
ABILITY.

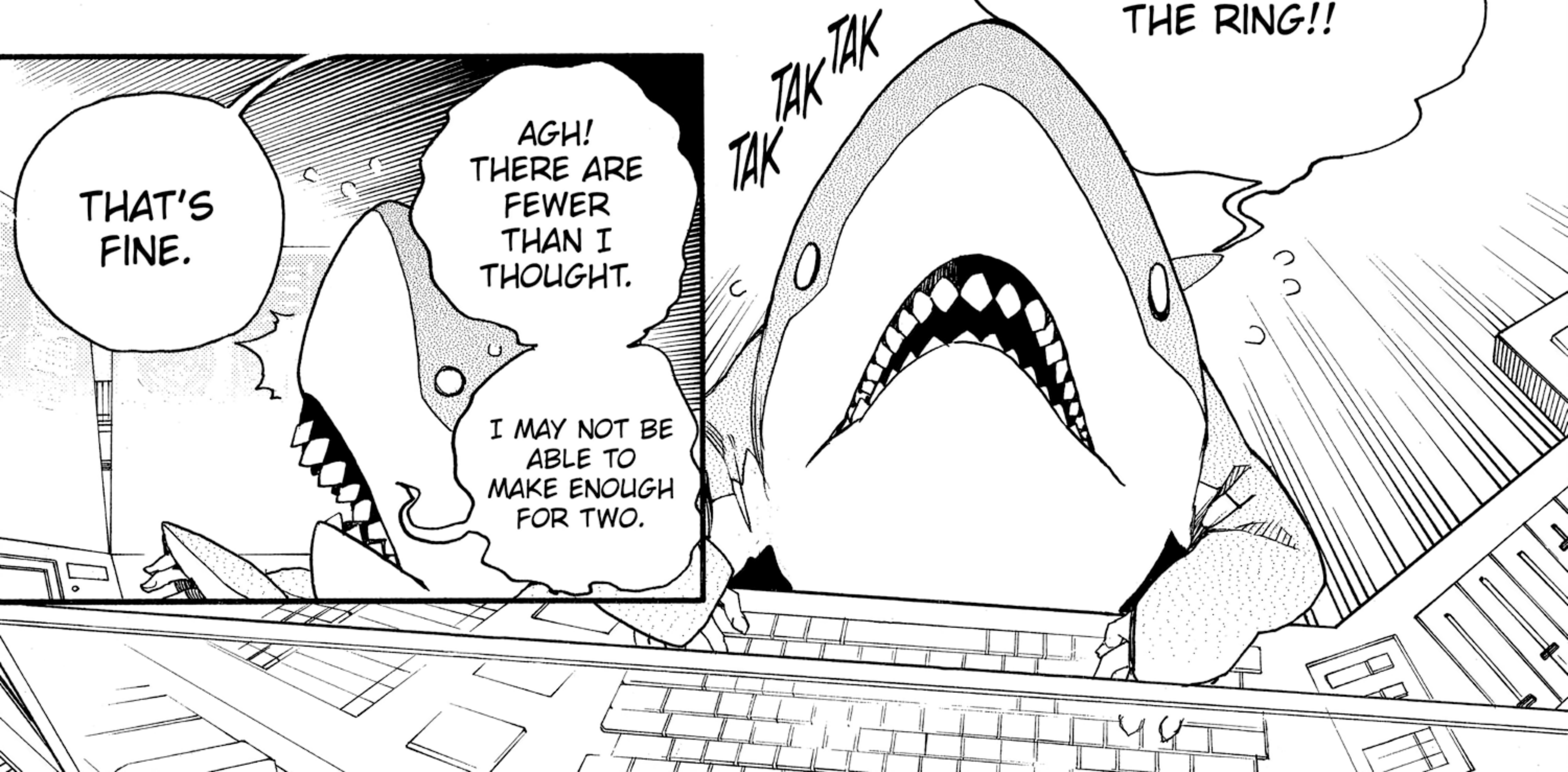
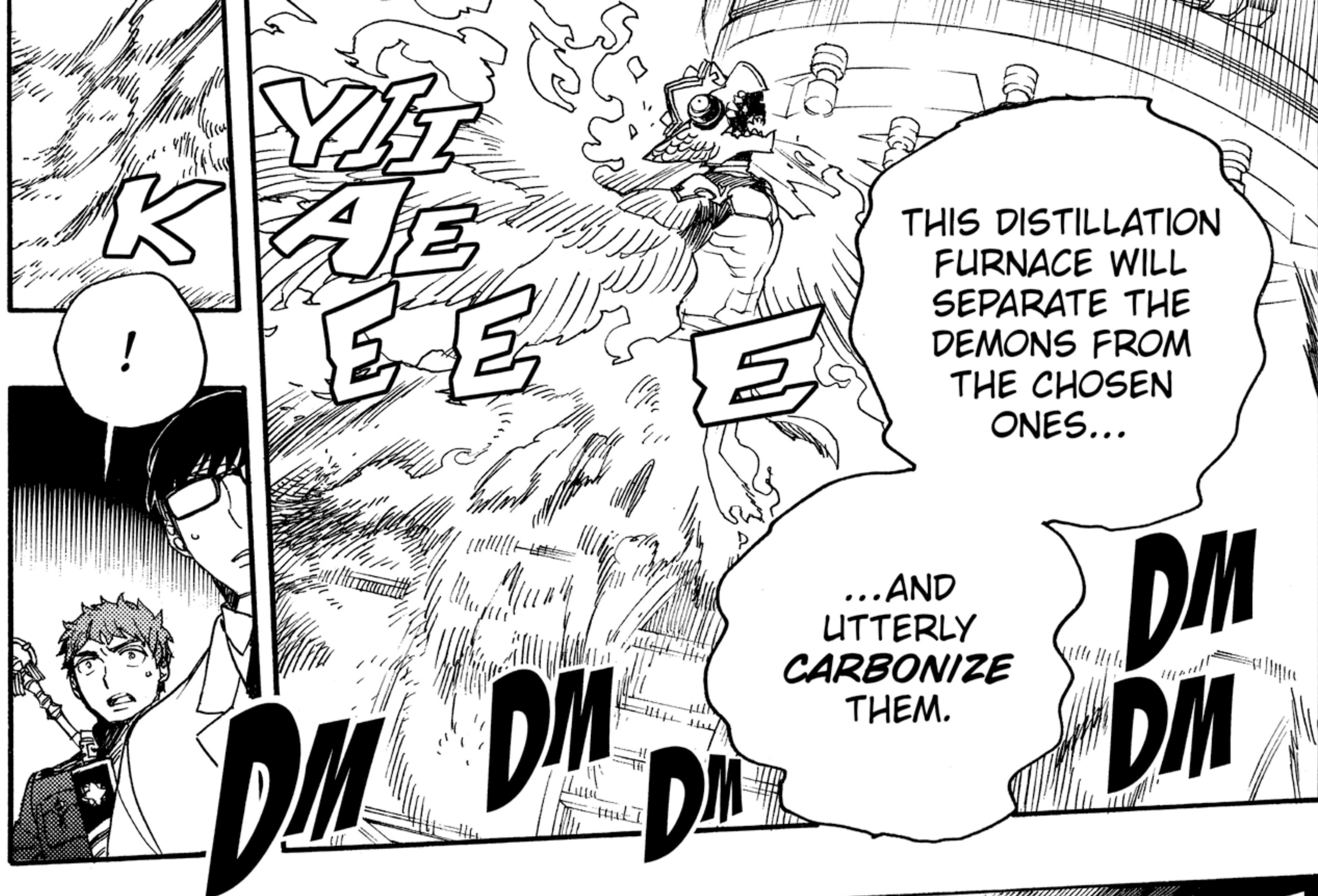
YUP!

WE REPEATEDLY
UPGRADED THEM VIA
FORCED POSSESSION
BY NEARLY ALL
SPECIES OF DEMON,
STARTING WITH
THOSE HIGH IN
REGENERATION...

ANYONE WHO
COULD HANDLE
BEING THEIR
VESSEL IS THE
CHOSEN OF THE
CHOSEN!!

...ALLOWING
FOR UNLIMITED
CELL DIVISION-
OR **TELOMERE!**

THEIR CELLS
CAN WITHSTAND
POSSESSION BY
ALL KINDS OF
DEMONS...



THE
FATEFUL
MOMENT IS
AT HAND.

WE MERELY
NEED
ENOUGH FOR
FATHER.

LUCIFER
...

BE PATIENT
JUST A
LITTLE
LONGER...

...FATHER.

?!!



?

I ASSUMED
YOU
UNDERSTOOD
LONG AGO.



...I NEVER
GOT A CLEAR
ANSWER FOR
WHY YOU
BROUGHT ME
AMONG YOU.

COME TO
THINK OF
IT...



B
A
B
M
P

...MUTTER...

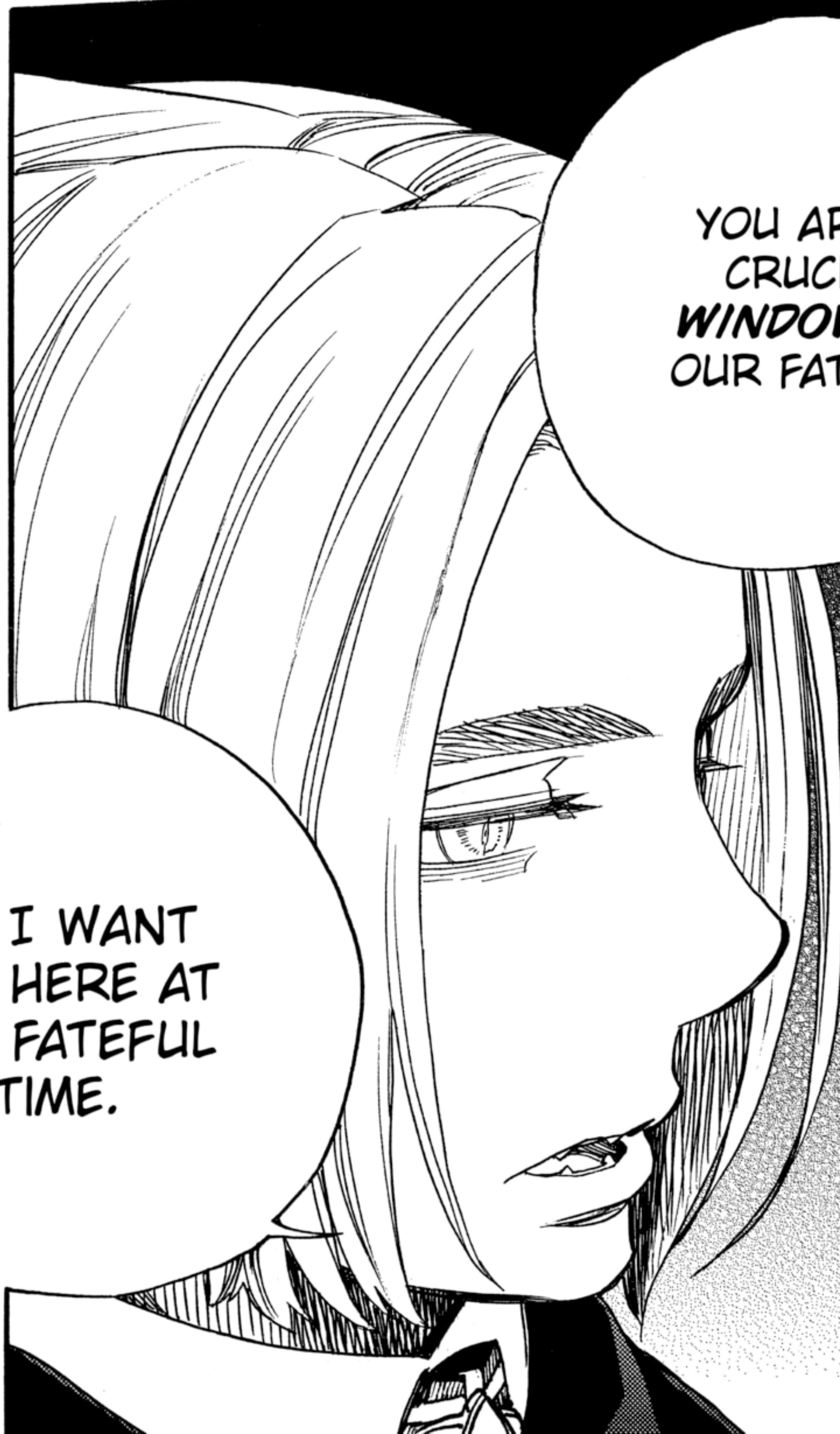
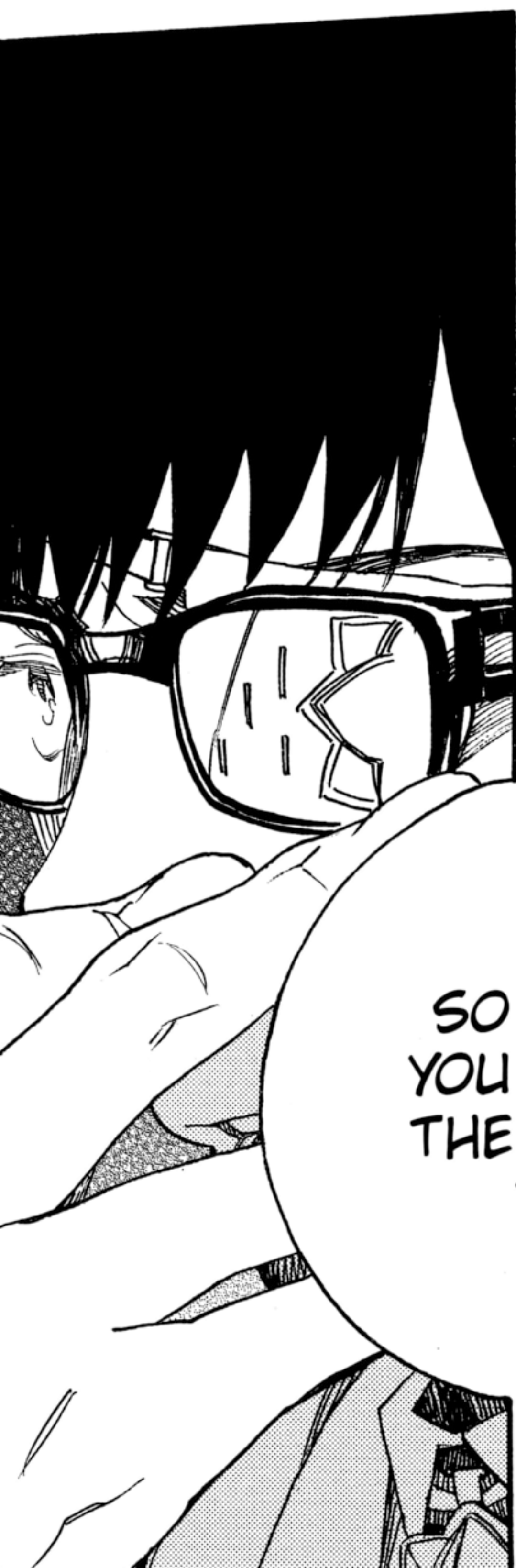
...HEE
HEE HEE
HEE...

WHAT'S
HAPPEN-
ING?!

FATHER?

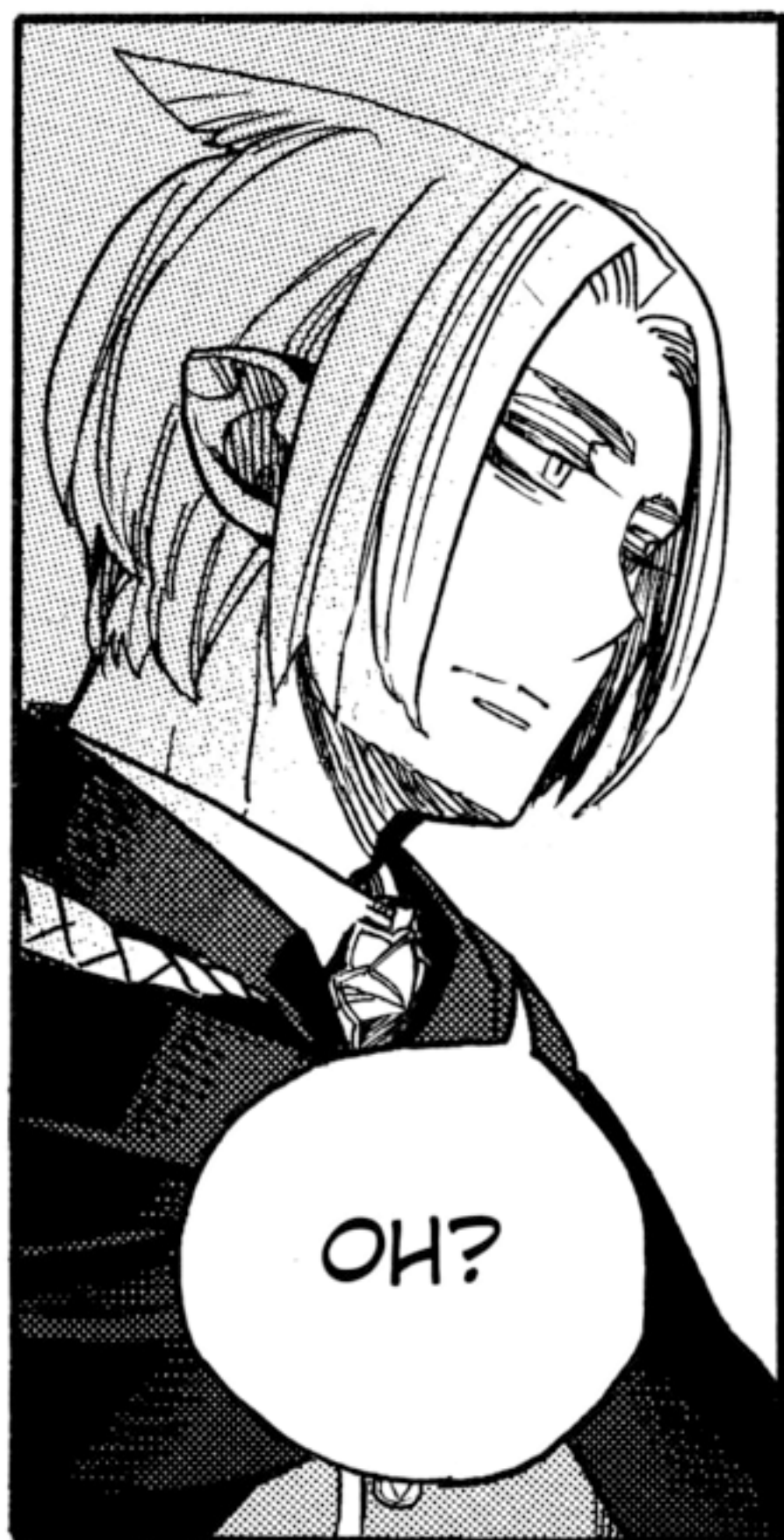
B
A
B
M
P

B
A
B
M
P



YOU ARE A
CRUCIAL
WINDOW TO
OUR FATHER.

SO I WANT
YOU HERE AT
THE FATEFUL
TIME.



OH?



DID YOU KNOW?
LAST YEAR, I
RECEIVED AN
INVITATION TO A
SENIOR-LEVEL
CONFERENCE AT
VATICAN
HEADQUARTERS.

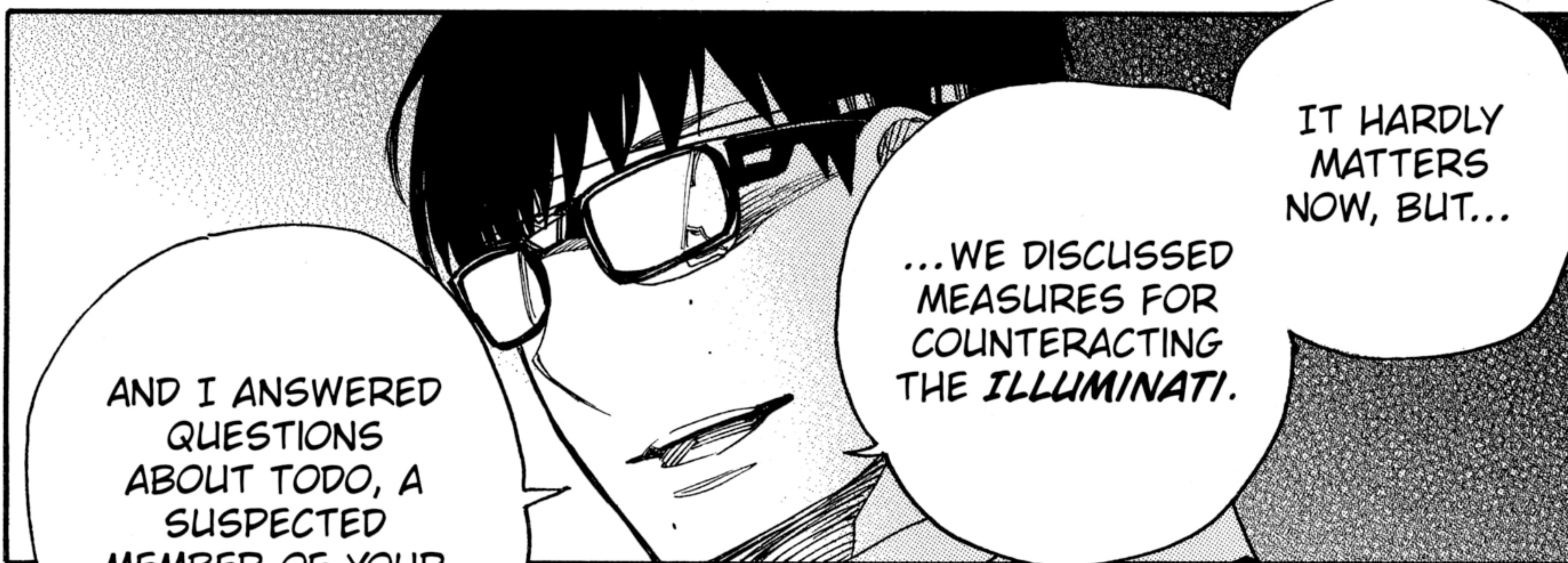
...



COME OUT,
COME OUT,
COME OUT...

COME OUT,
PLEASE...

PLEASE,
COME
ON...



AND I ANSWERED
QUESTIONS
ABOUT TODO, A
SUSPECTED
MEMBER OF YOUR
ORGANIZATION.

...WE DISCUSSED
MEASURES FOR
COUNTERACTING
THE *ILLUMINATI*.

IT HARDLY
MATTERS
NOW, BUT...



KO

NK

COME!





**VAYU AND
INDRA!!!!**

**LOKAPALA!
THE GUARDIANS
OF EAST AND
NORTHWEST!**

"LIGHTNING SAID
THAT IF YOU GET IN
A JAM, THE
CONTRACT CAN
SERVE AS..."

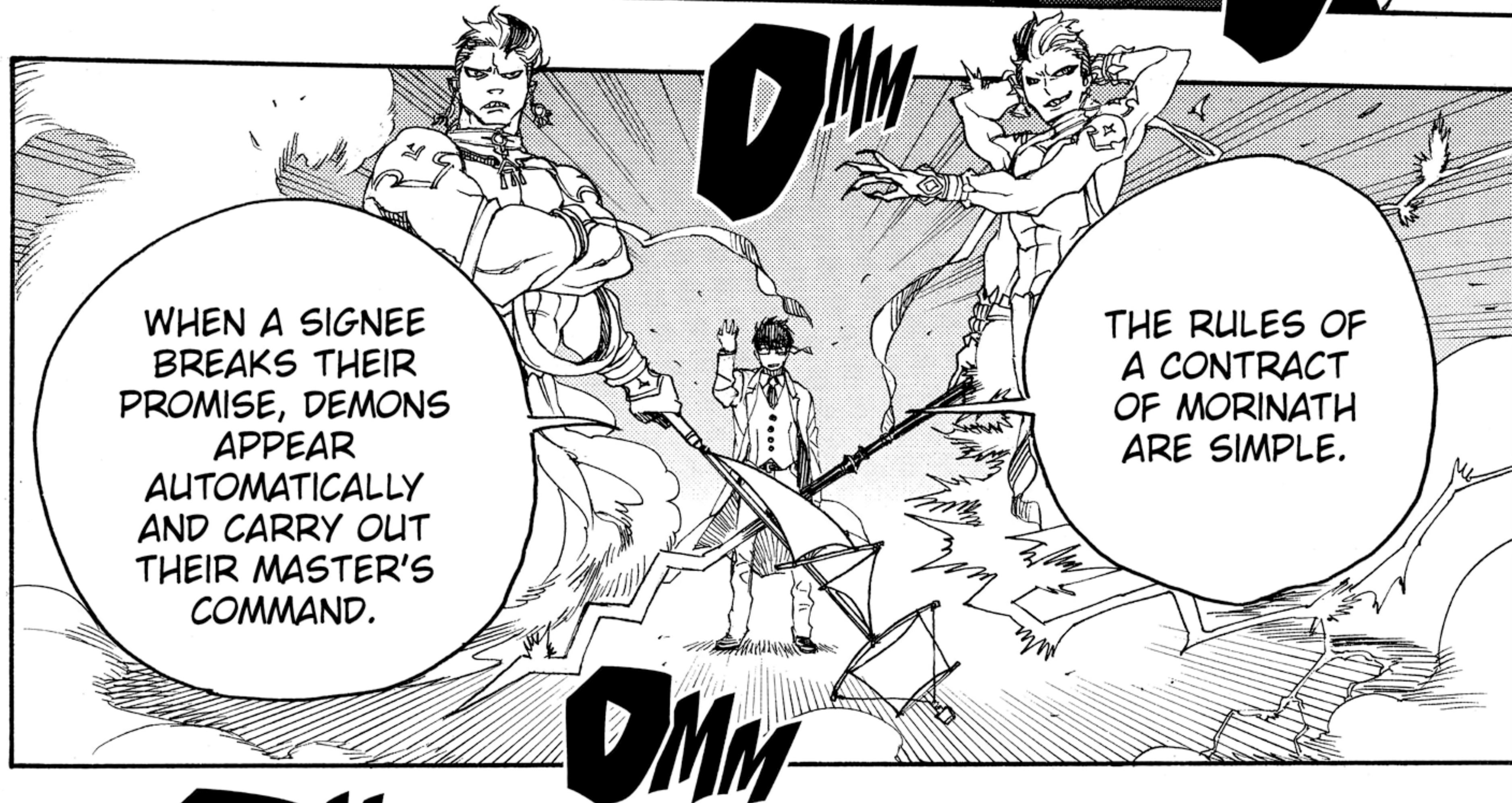
...A
WEAPON!"

**THIS IS WHAT
HE WAS
PLOTING!**



...THEY'RE
THE HIGHEST
LEVEL OF
DEMON!!

OF ALL THE
KIN OF
AZAZEL, THE
KING OF
SPIRITS...



WHEN A SIGNEE
BREAKS THEIR
PROMISE, DEMONS
APPEAR
AUTOMATICALLY
AND CARRY OUT
THEIR MASTER'S
COMMAND.

THE RULES OF
A CONTRACT
OF MORINATH
ARE SIMPLE.



BUT THEIR MASTER
MAY CHOOSE
WHETHER THEY KILL
OR PROTECT THE
SIGNEE.



I
THANK
YOU.

THUS, WE
SHALL SERVE
AS YOUR
FAMILIARS
UNTIL LEWIN
RELEASES US
FROM OUR
DUTY.

AND I
ASK
YOU...

**...TO
DESTROY
THIS
AIRSHIP!!**



RUMBLE

RUMBLE

KZZT

RIM

RIM

KZZT

VERY WELL,
LET US
BEGIN...



KRACK

KZZT

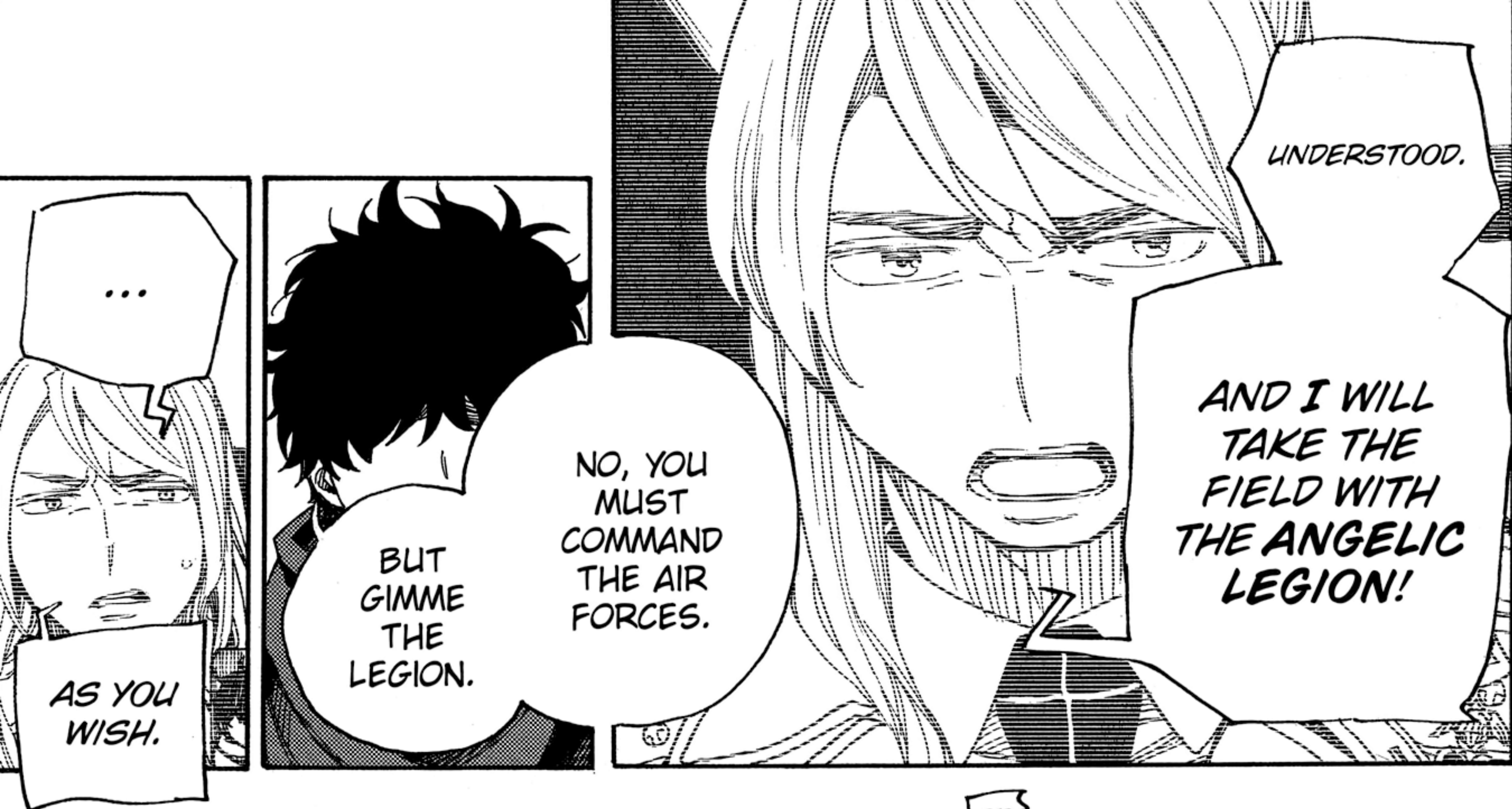
...WITH A
LITTLE
WARM-
UP!!!!

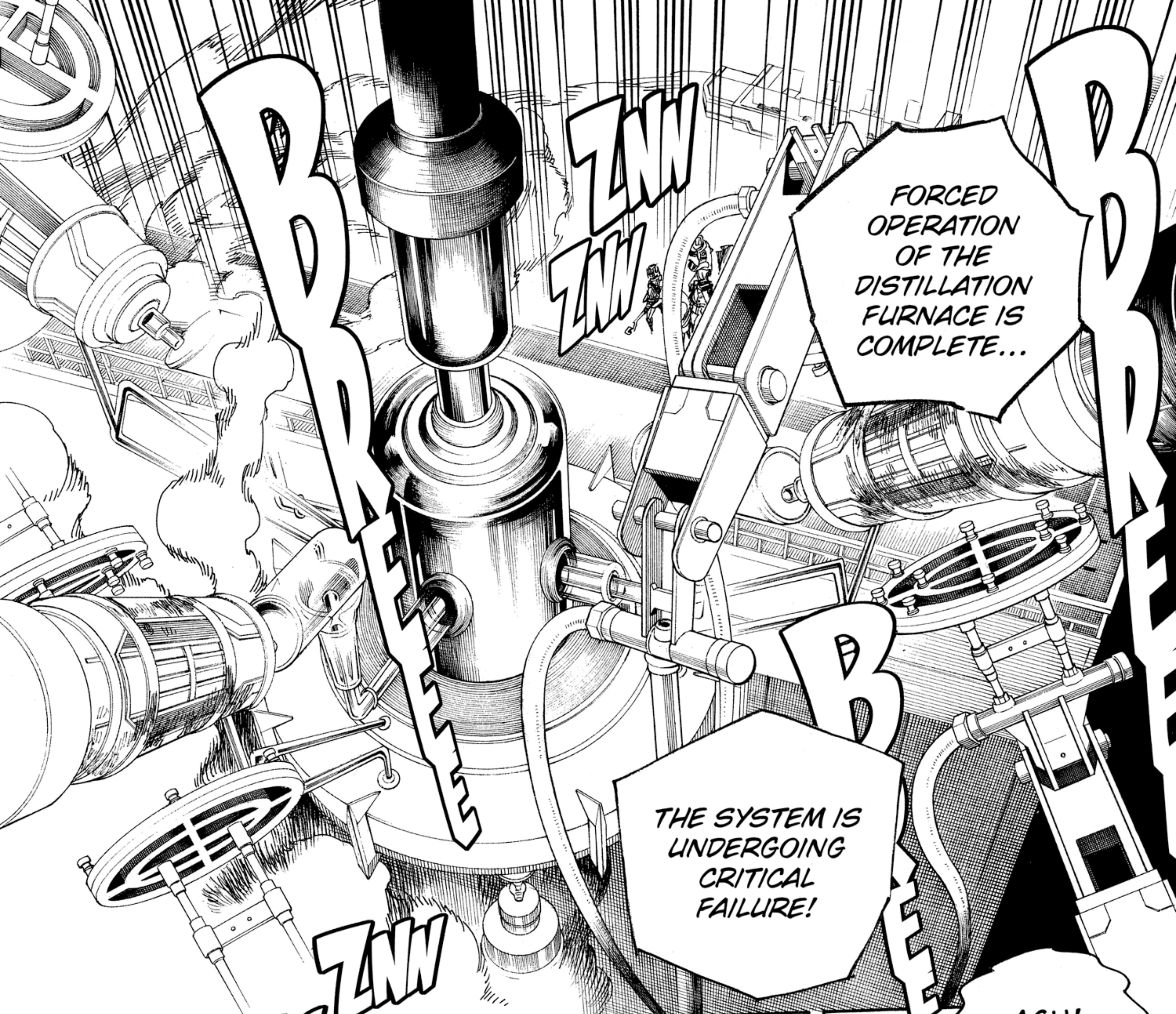


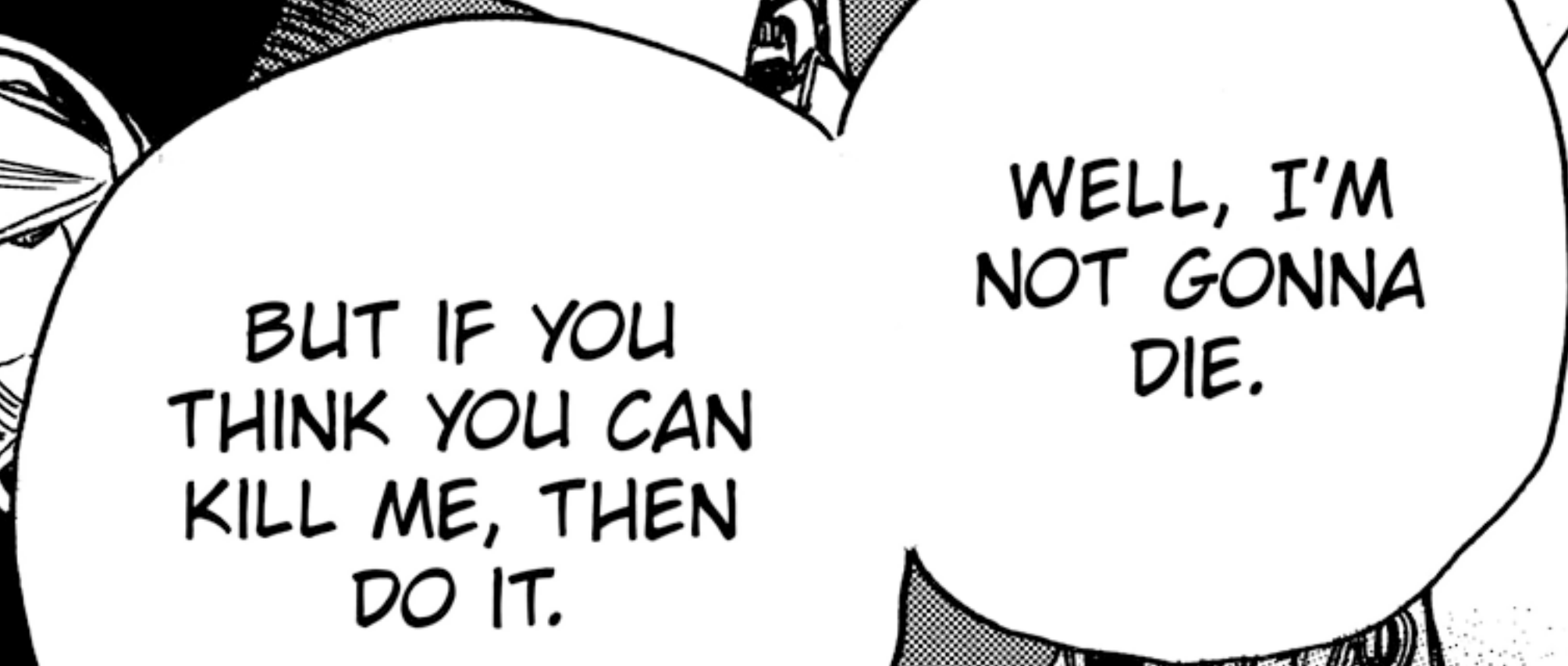
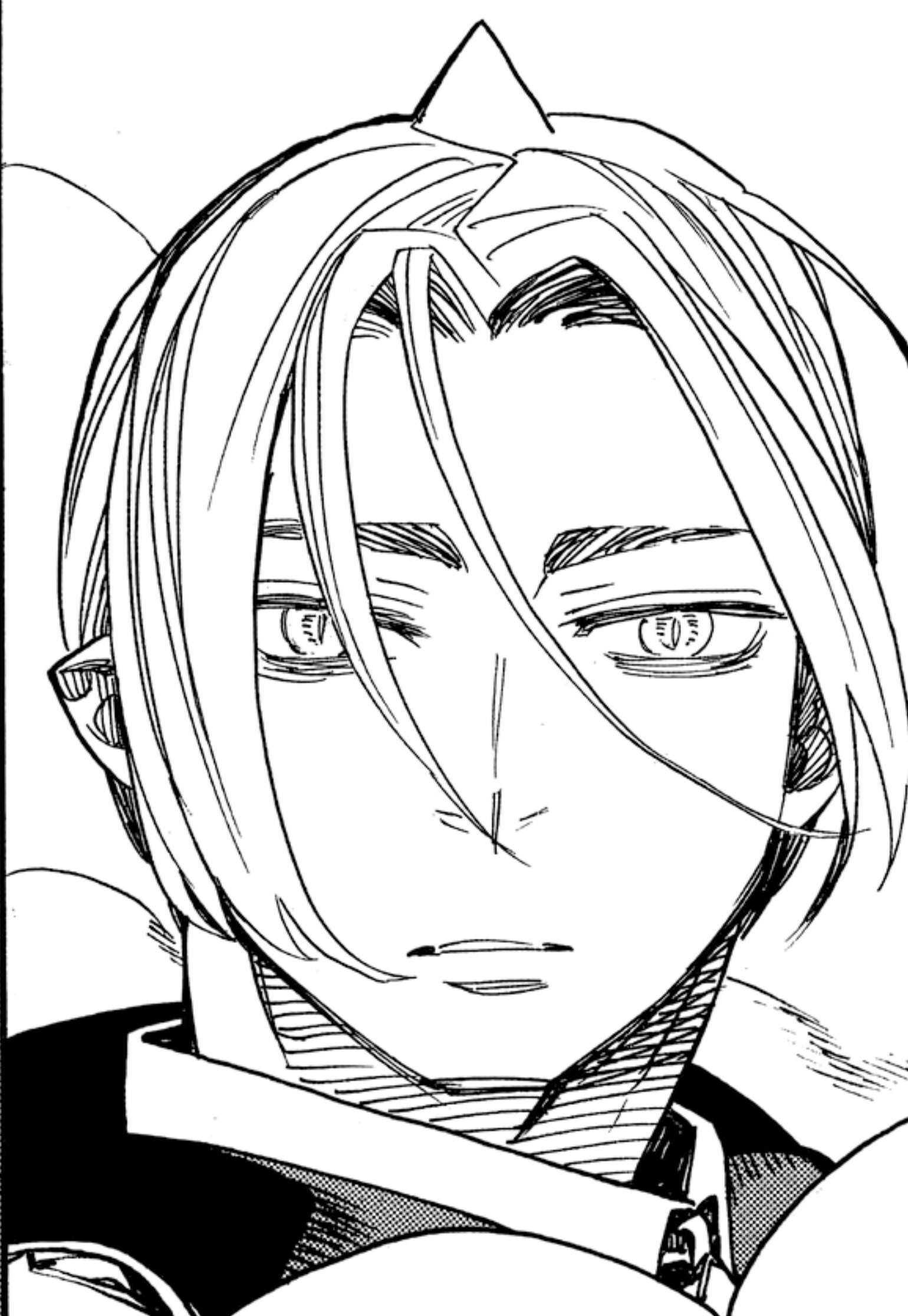
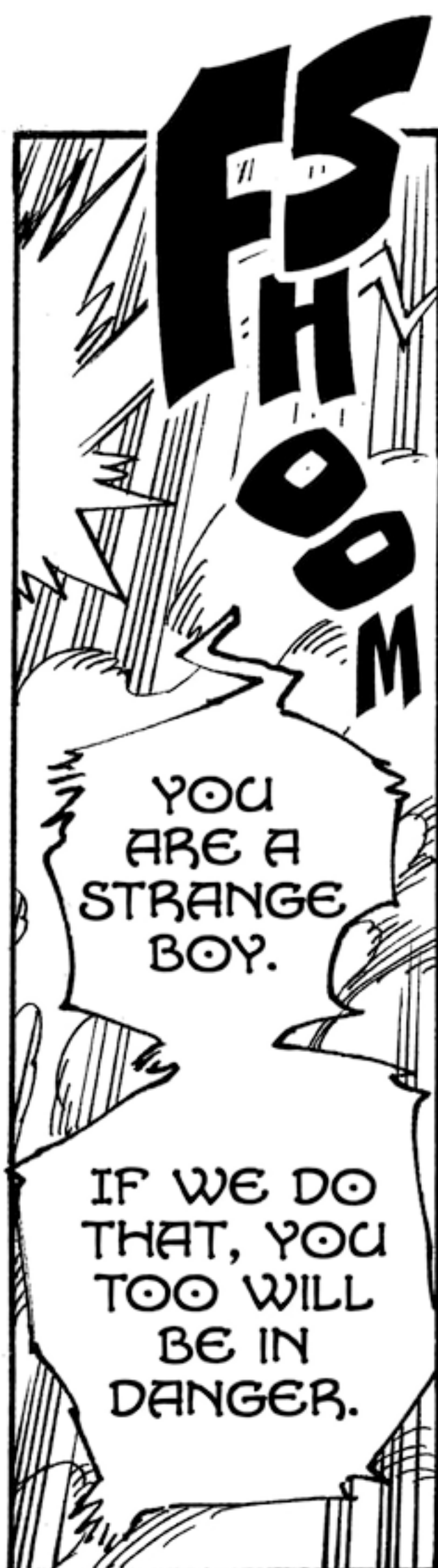
*THIS IS
IT!!!!*

WH











RMM

RMM

HUH?!

RMM

AGH...

LNGH...

RMM

!!

FOM

K

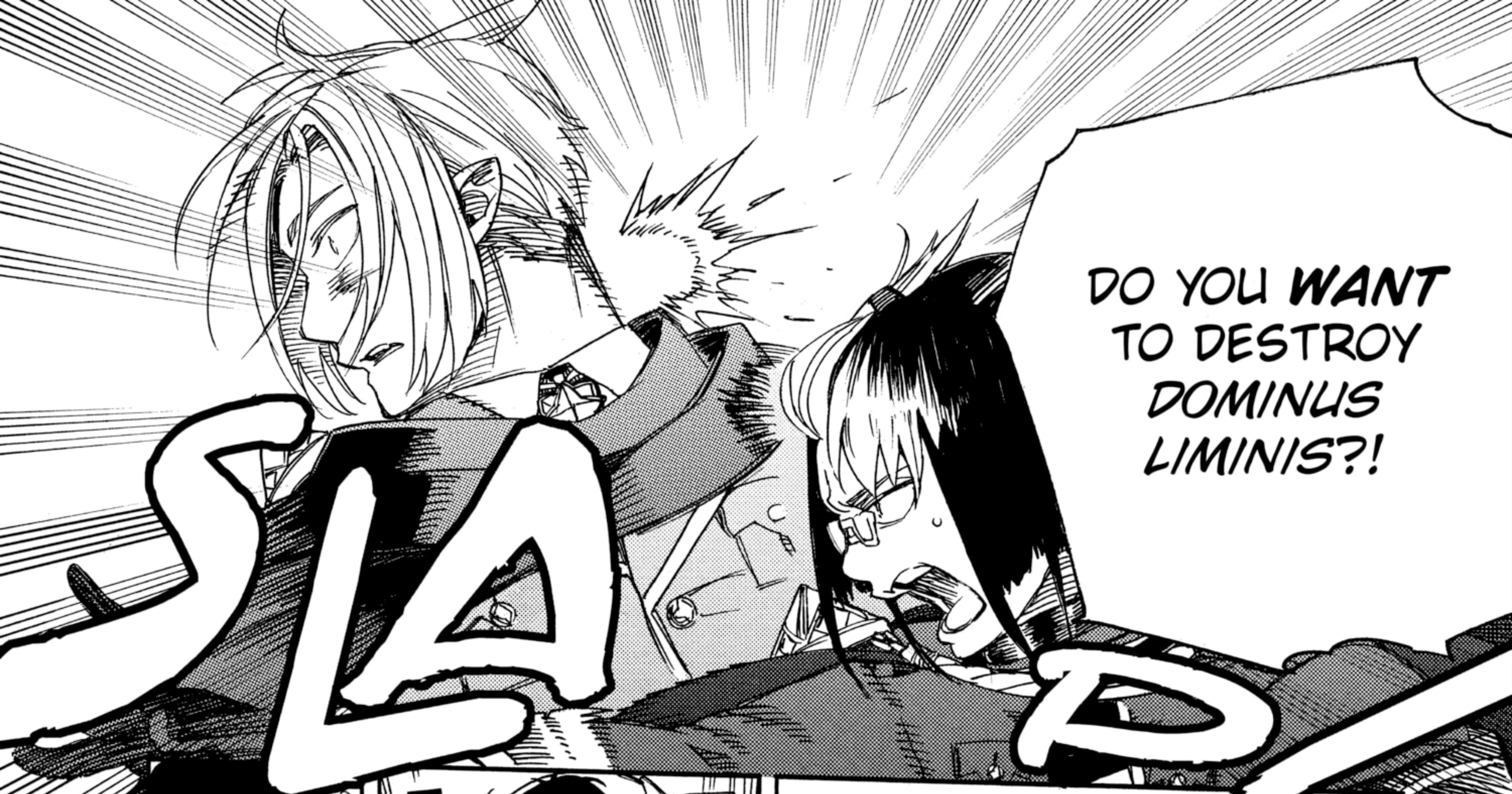
STOP!! HE HAS SATAN'S PROTECTION!!

LUSH

GAAH...

FWSH

COMMANDER!!!!



DO YOU WANT
TO DESTROY
DOMINUS
LIMINIS?!



I KNEW
IT. YOU
CAN'T DO
IT. TOO
BAD.

T
M
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HA HA
HA...

KOFF

KOFF

GASP

HUFF



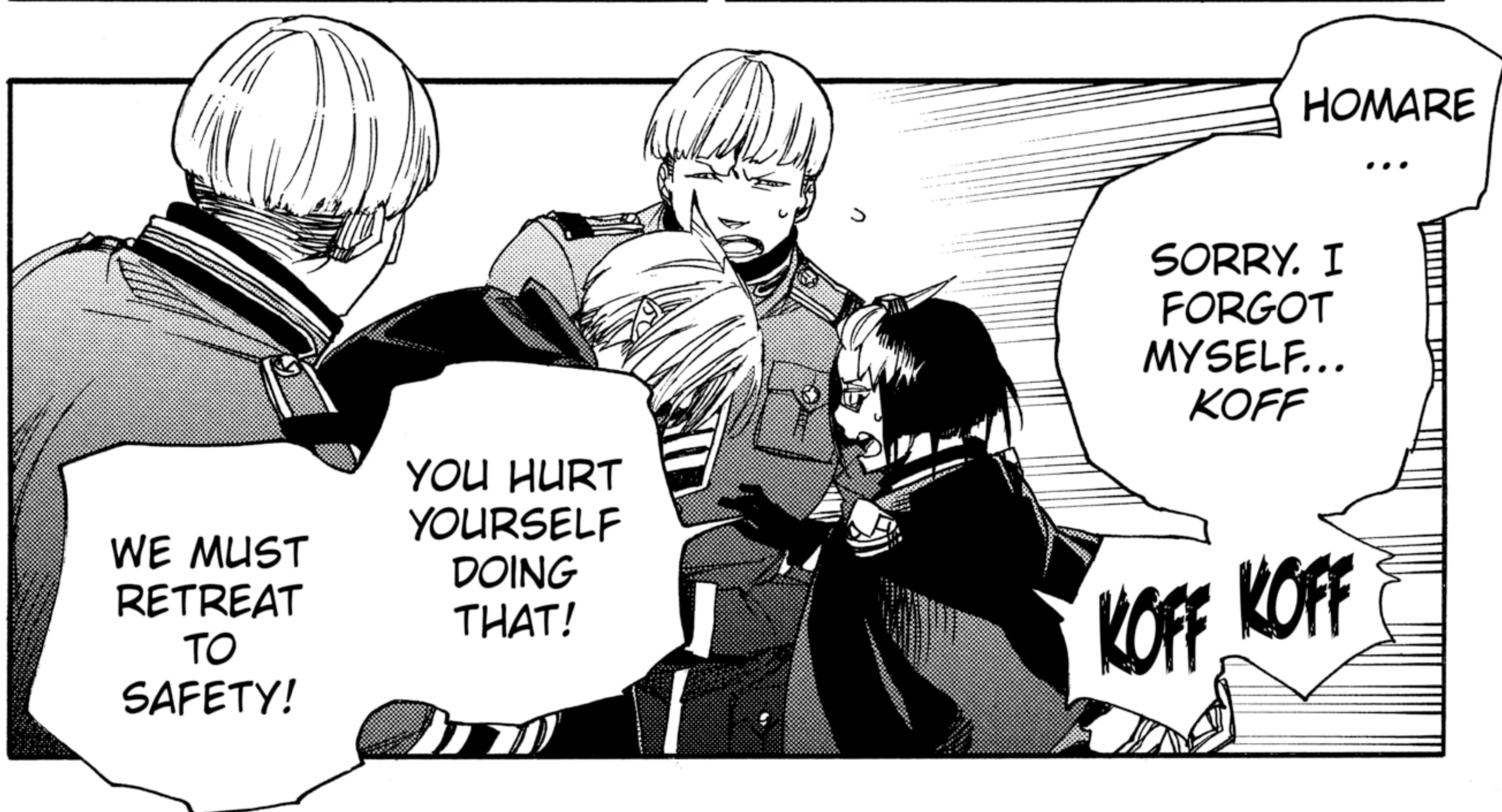
FW

SH

...!!!



T
M
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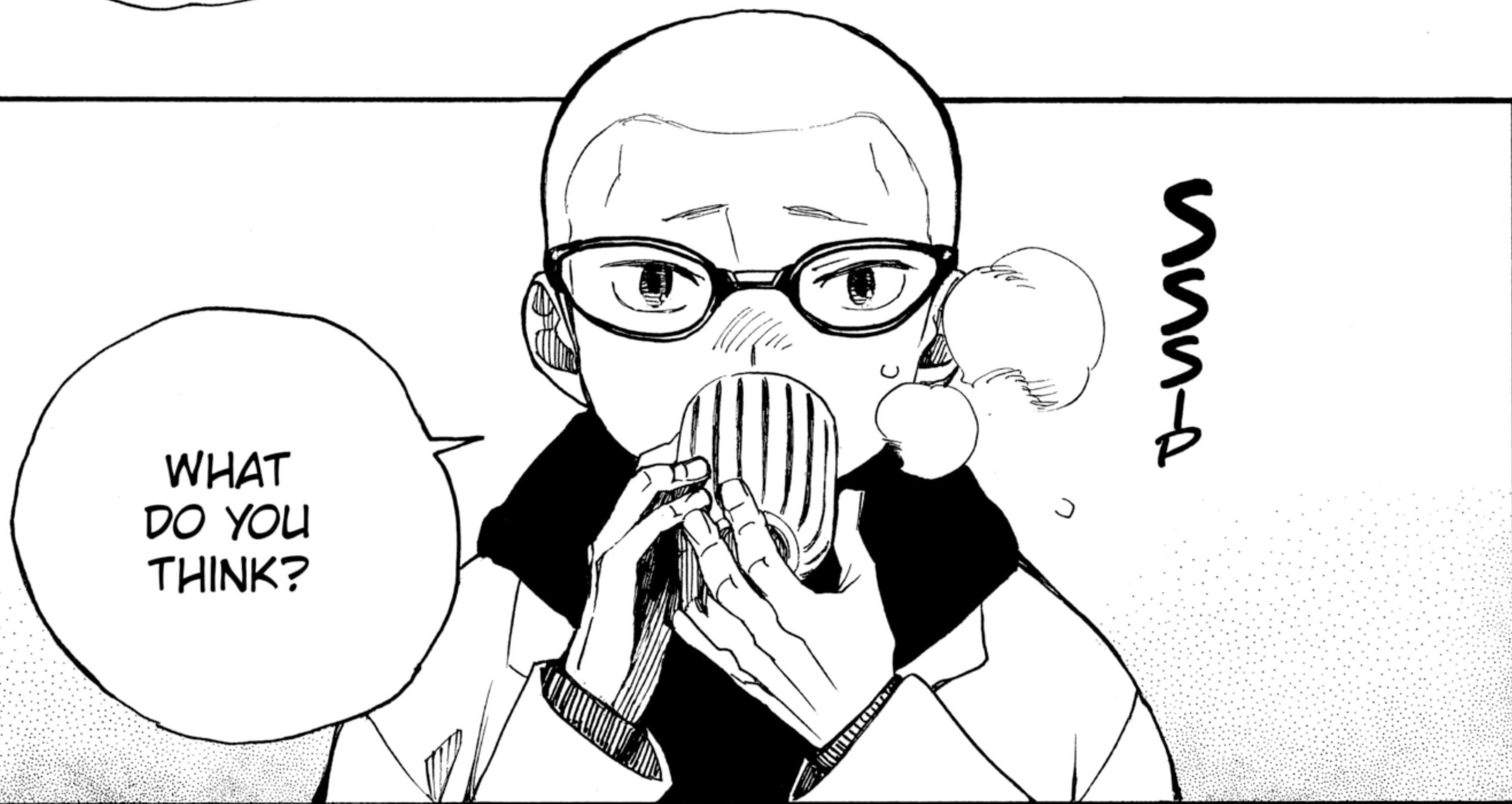
HOMARE
...

SORRY. I
FORGOT
MYSELF...
KOFF

KOFF KOFF

YOU HURT
YOURSELF
DOING
THAT!

WE MUST
RETREAT
TO
SAFETY!





AND THE
STEEL IS
SPECIAL, HAVING
WITHSTOOD
THE BLUE FLAME
FOR 16 YEARS.

WE SHOULD
CAREFULLY
PRESERVE IT.



...YOU
CAN'T FIX A
BROKEN
SWORD.

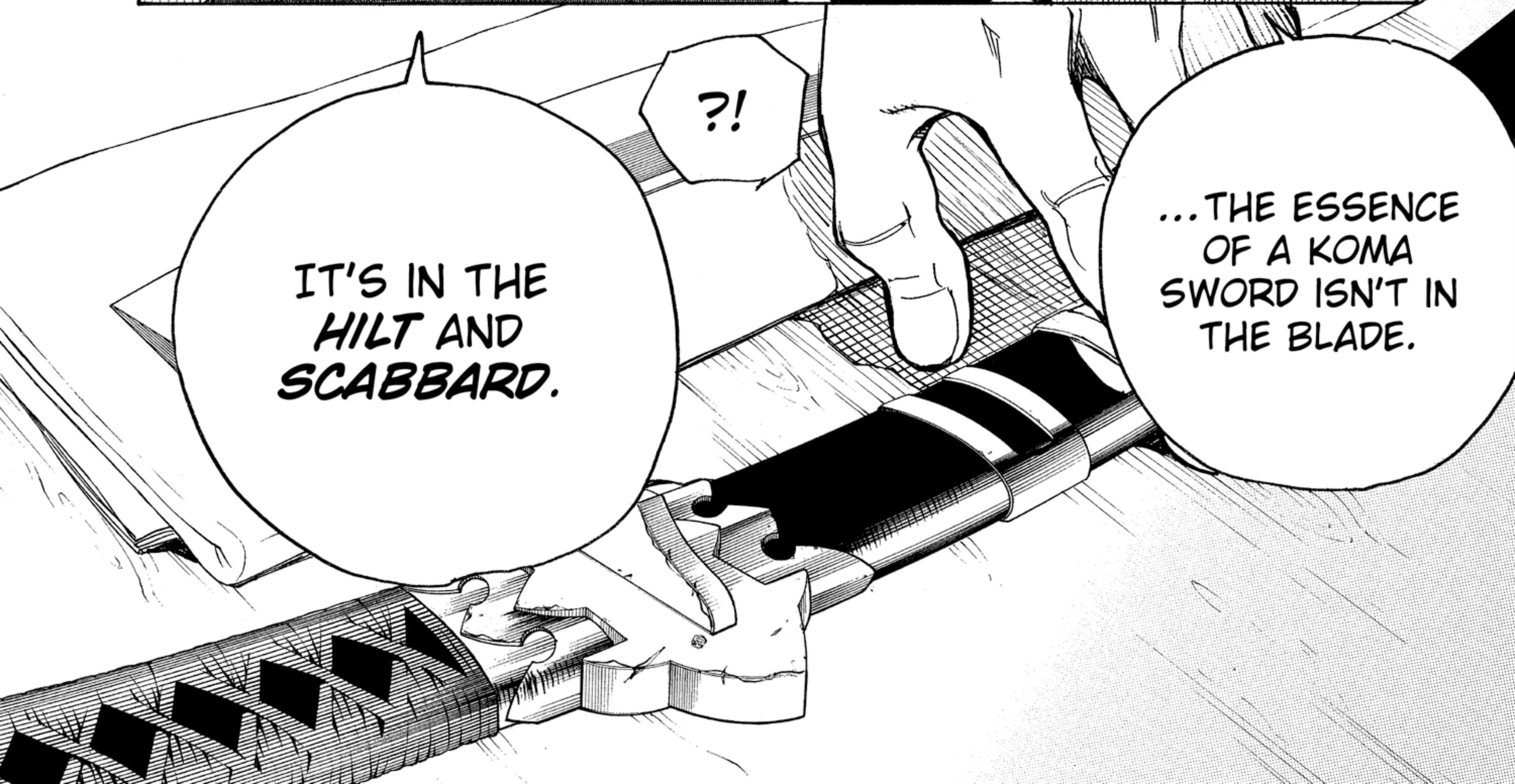
YOU CAN ONLY
REFORGE IT
INTO A *NEW*
ONE.

WHAT
?!!



NO...

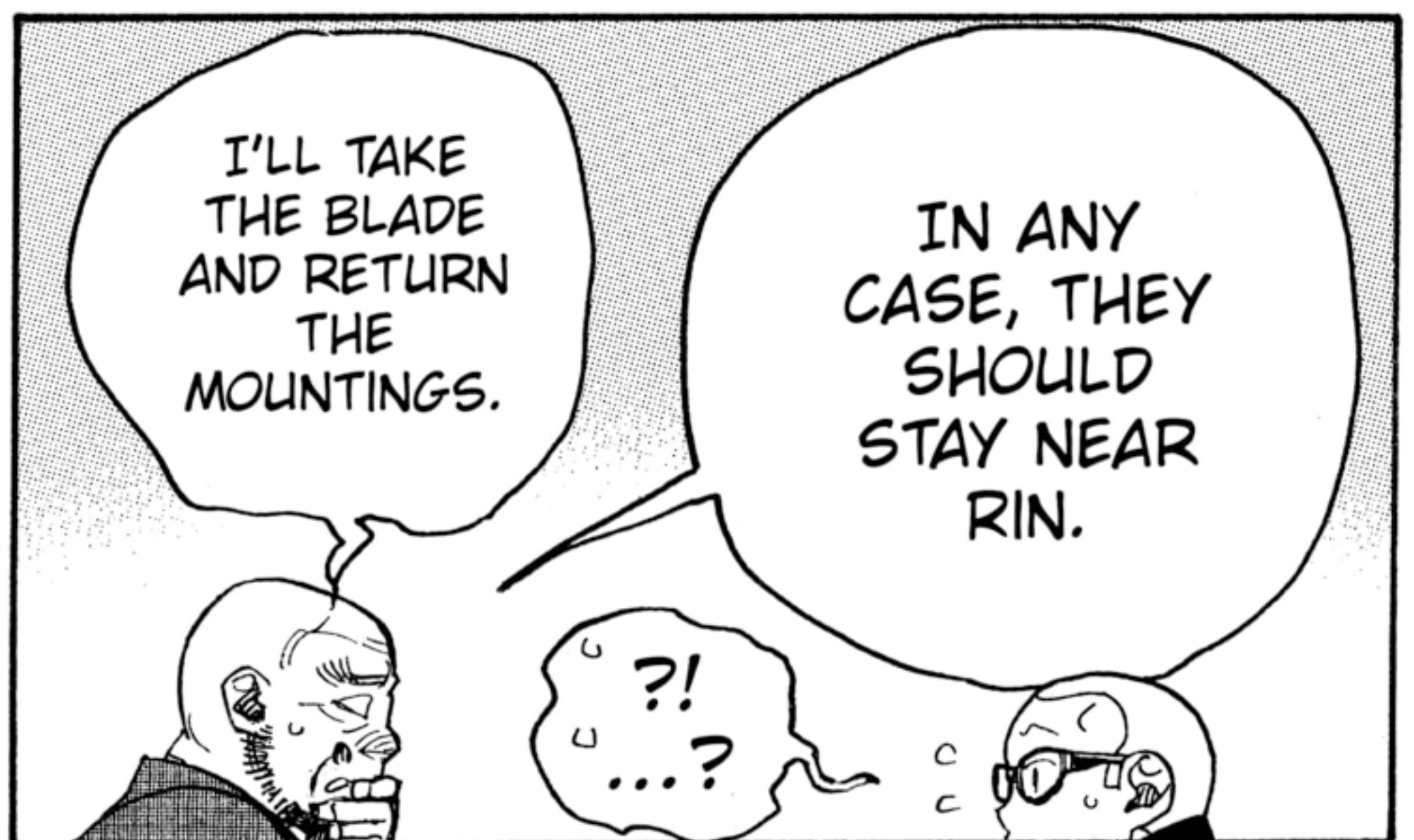
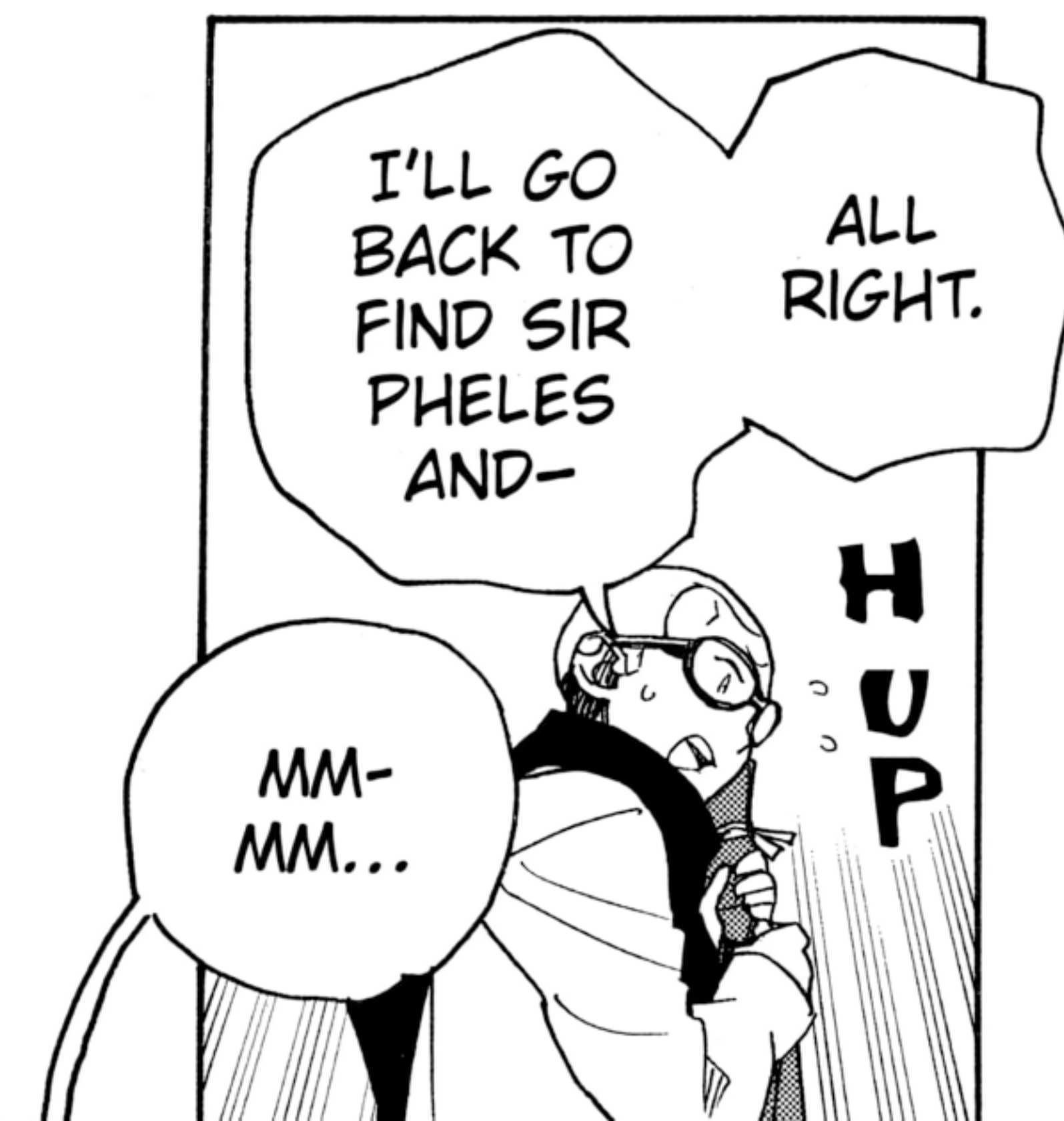
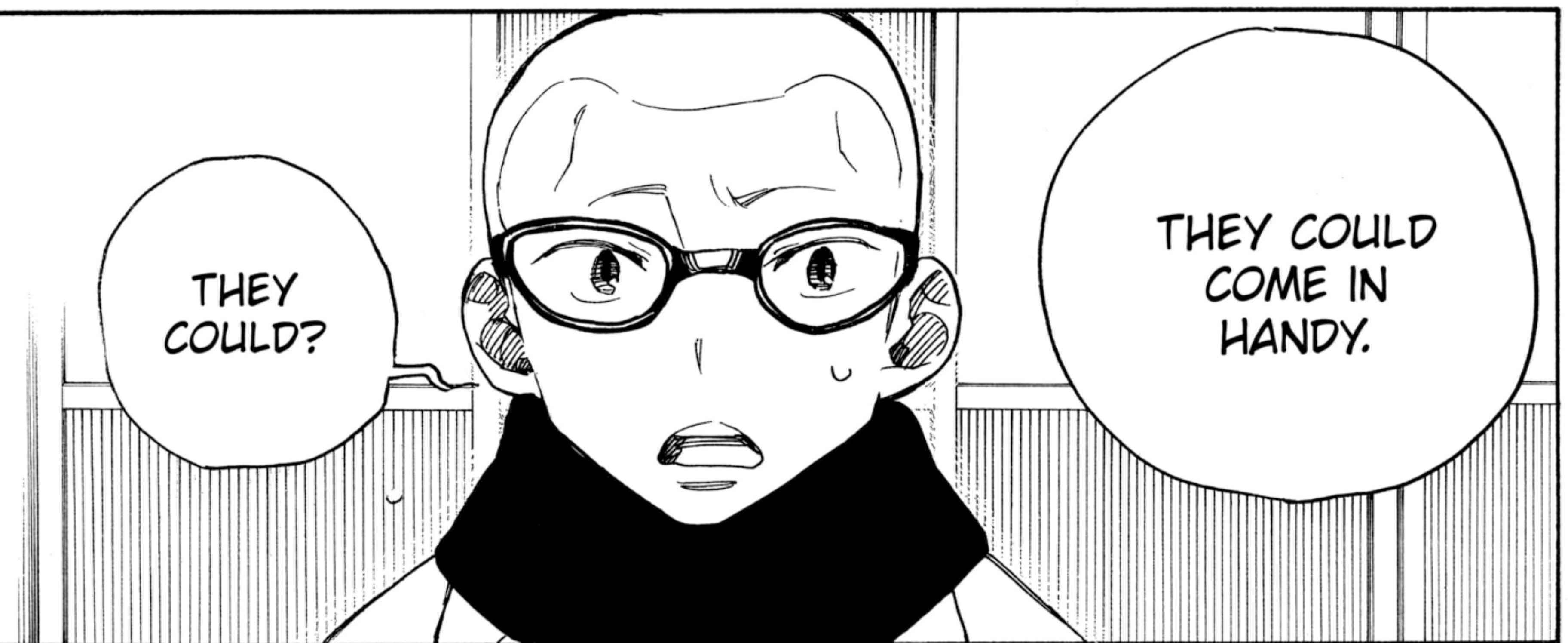
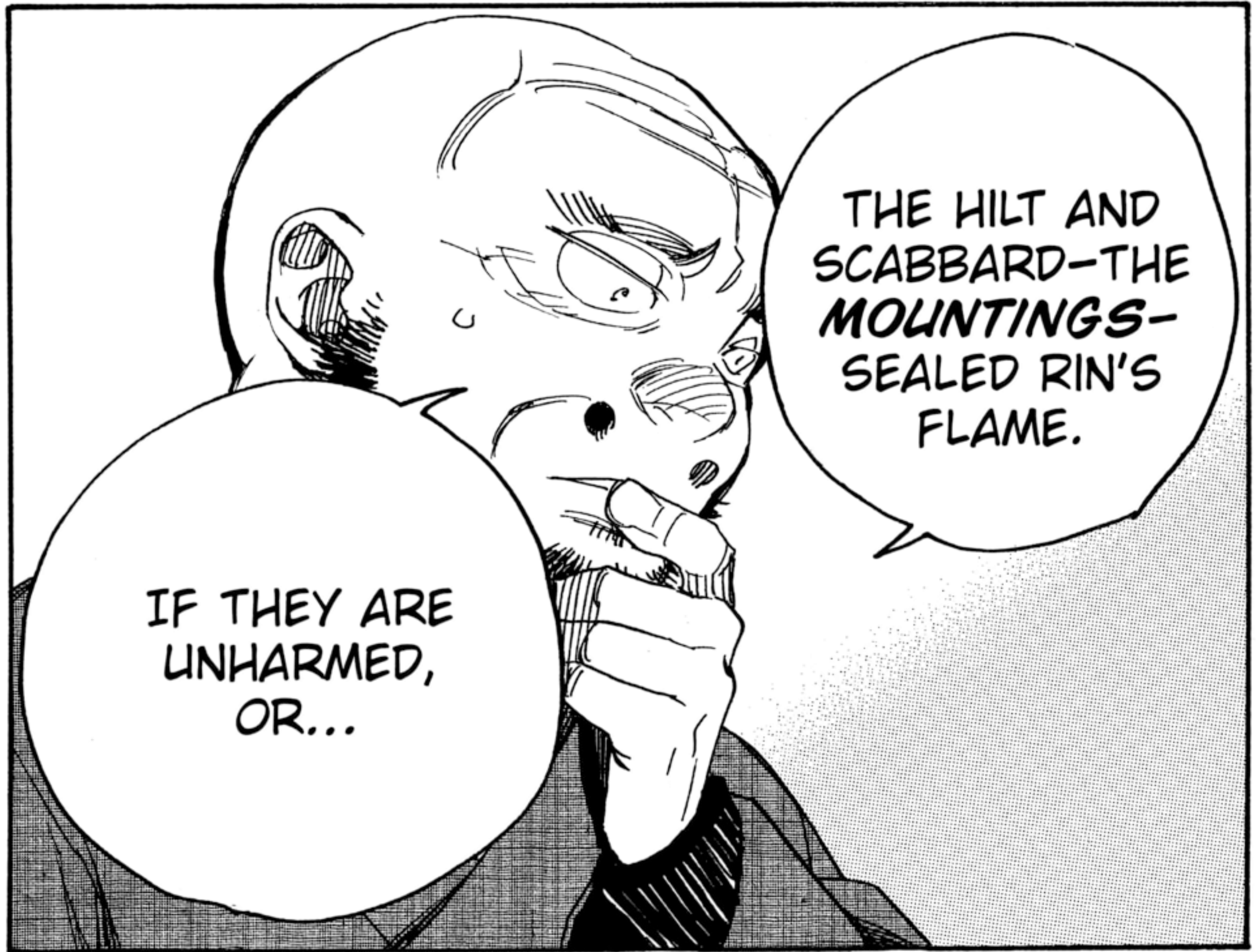
S-SO THERE'S
NO WAY TO
USE IT?!



IT'S IN THE
HILT AND
SCABBARD.

?!

...THE ESSENCE
OF A KOMA
SWORD ISN'T IN
THE BLADE.





S-SIR
PHELES?!!

SORRY, BUT
OKUMURA ISN'T
CURRENTLY
AT FAUST
MANSION.



MIWA, IF YOU
DON'T WANT
ANY, I'LL
HELP
MYSELF.
☆

THIS AJARI-
MOCHI IS WARM
AND GOES
PERFECTLY WITH
GREEN TEA!



HUH?! TO
WHERE?!
IS HE
ALL
RIGHT?!

A
JOURNEY
?!

AHH...

HE WENT
ON A
LONG BUT
SHORT
JOURNEY.

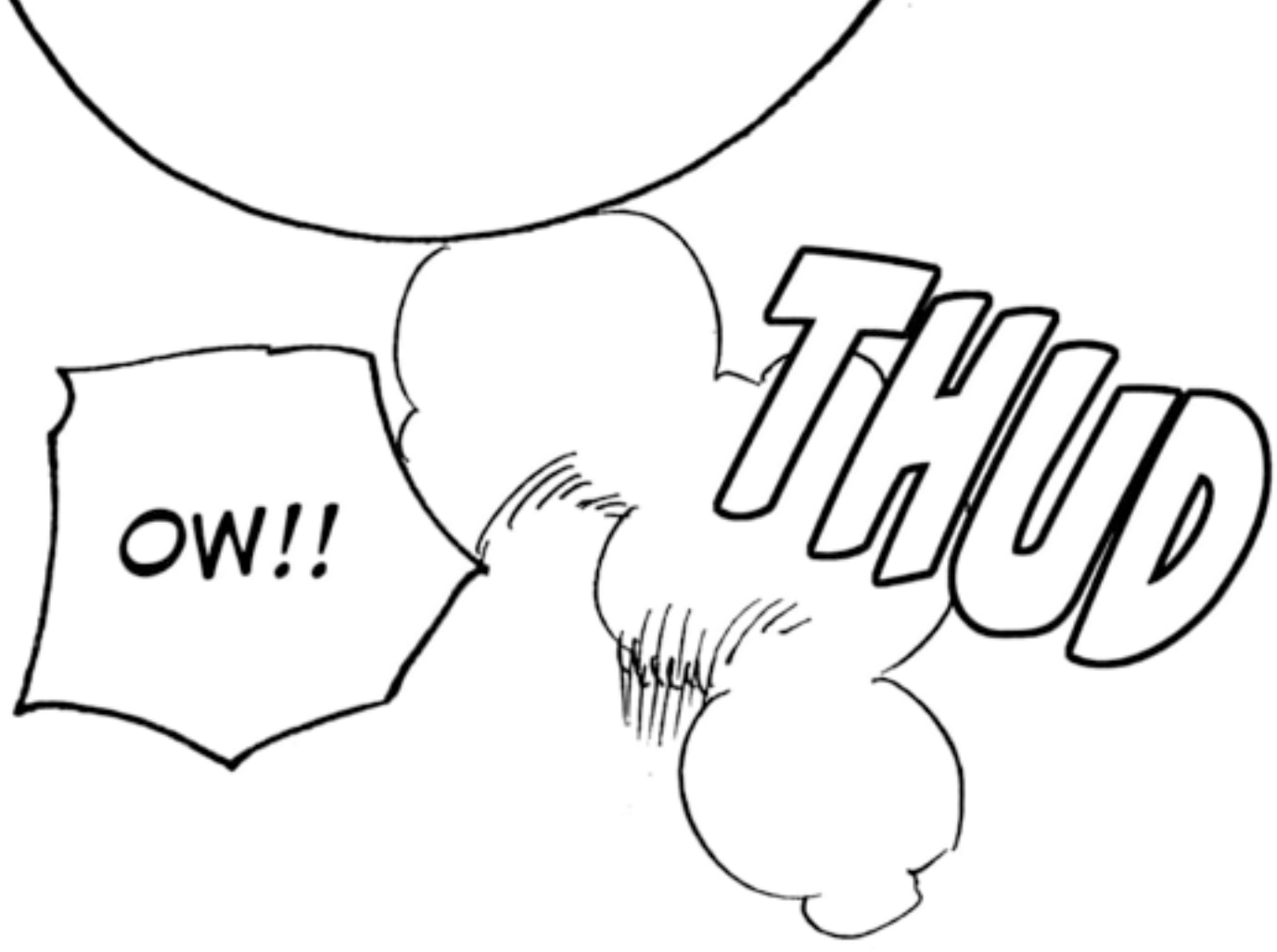
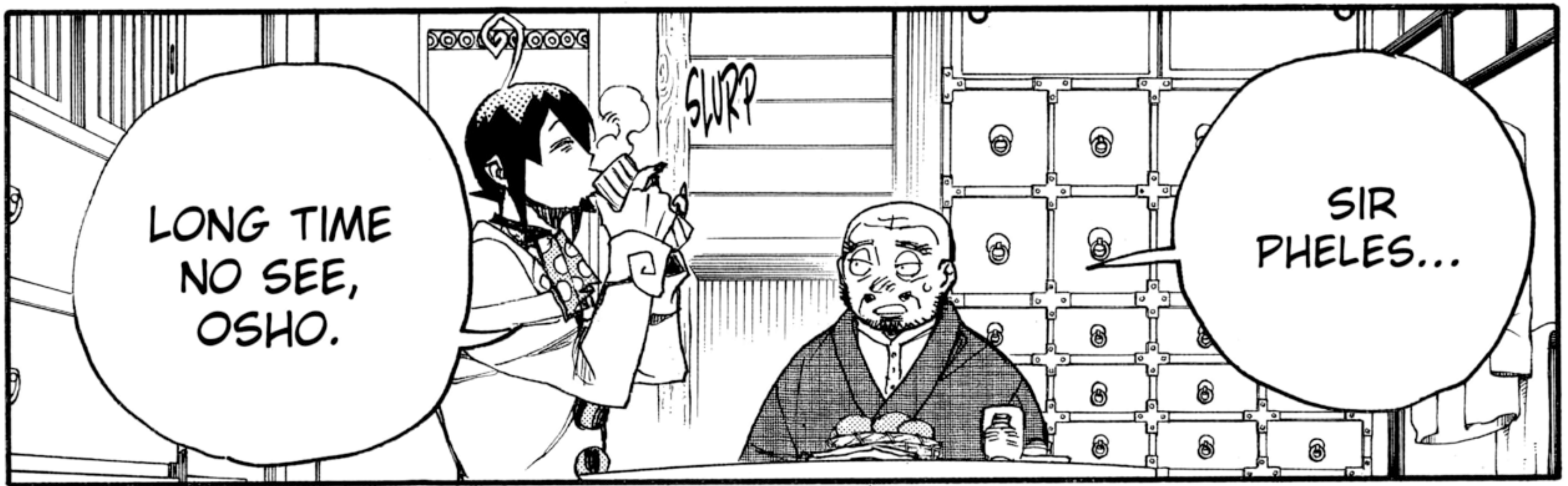
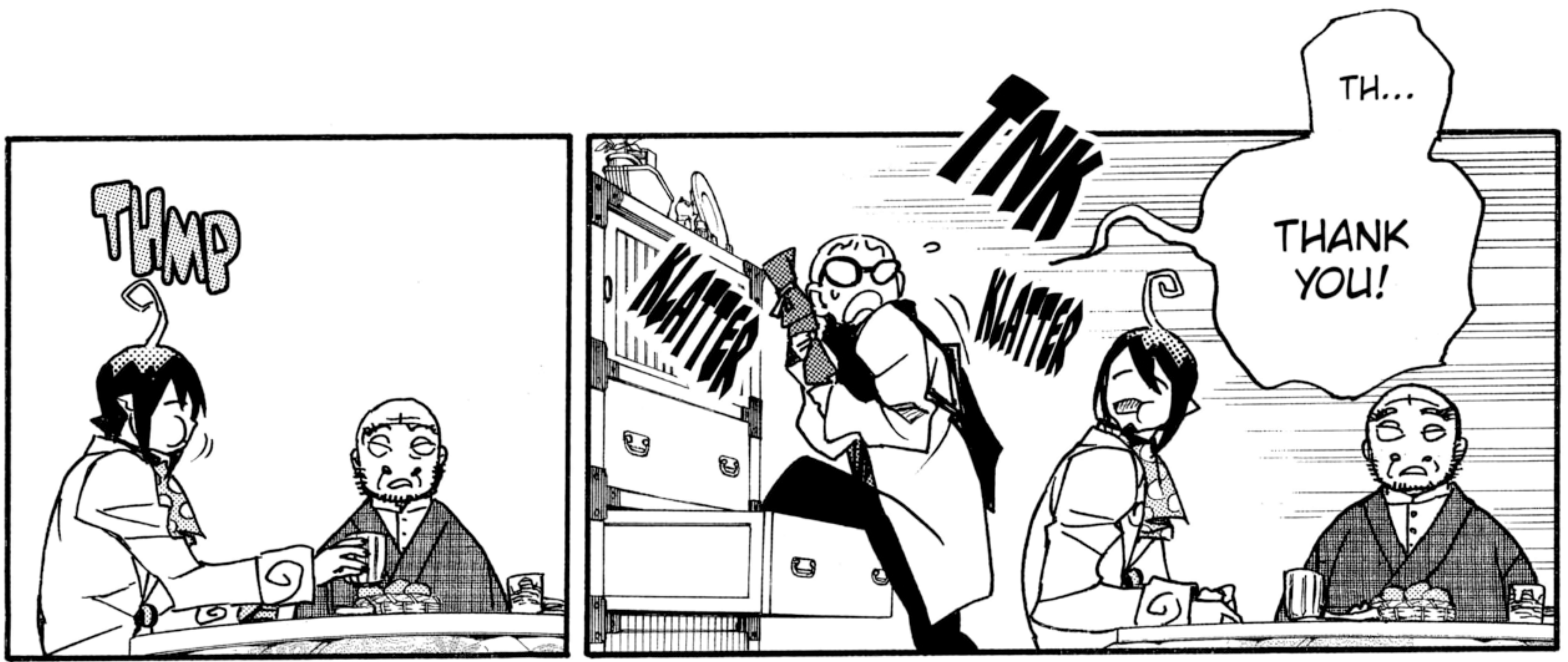


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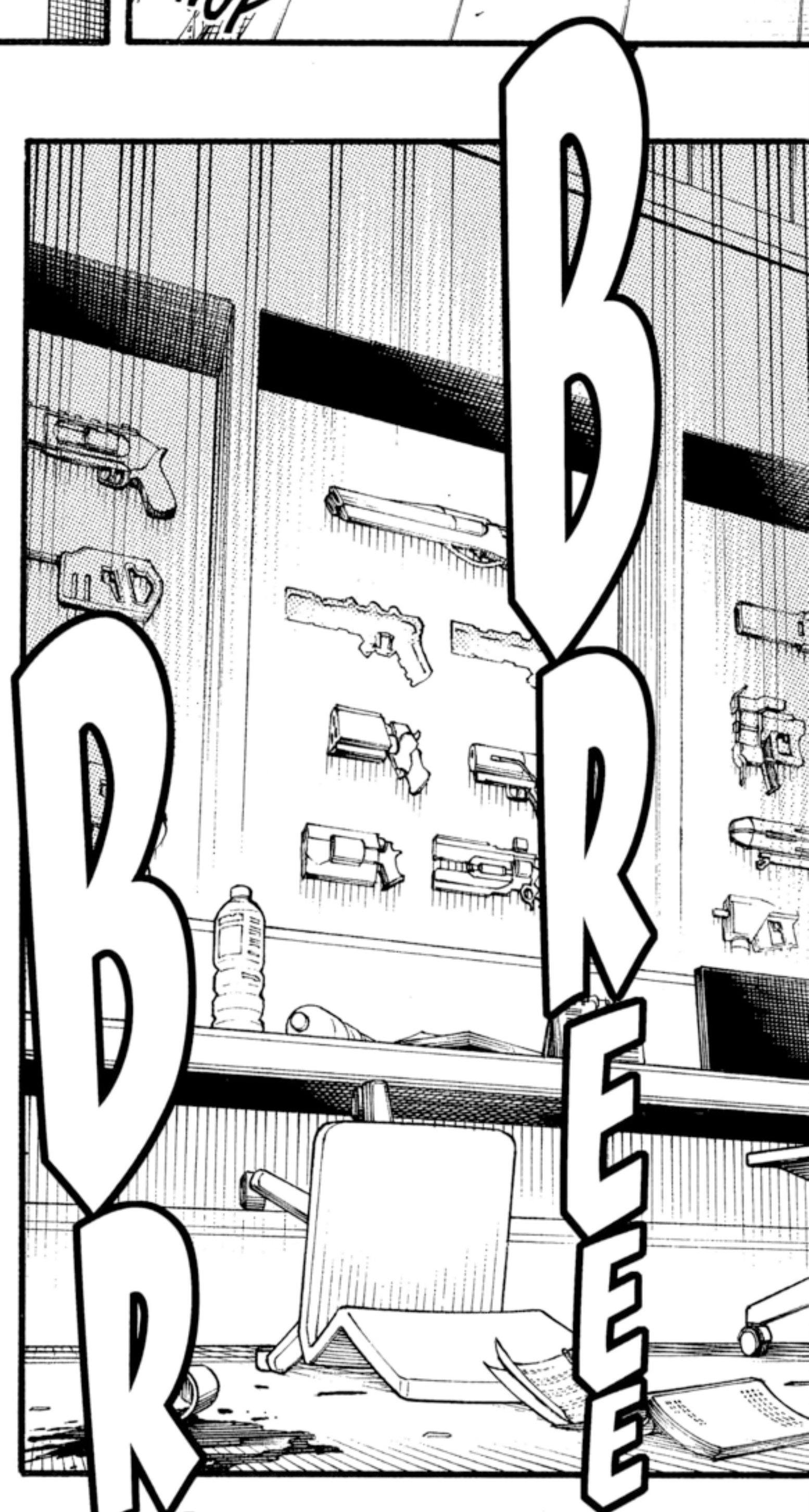
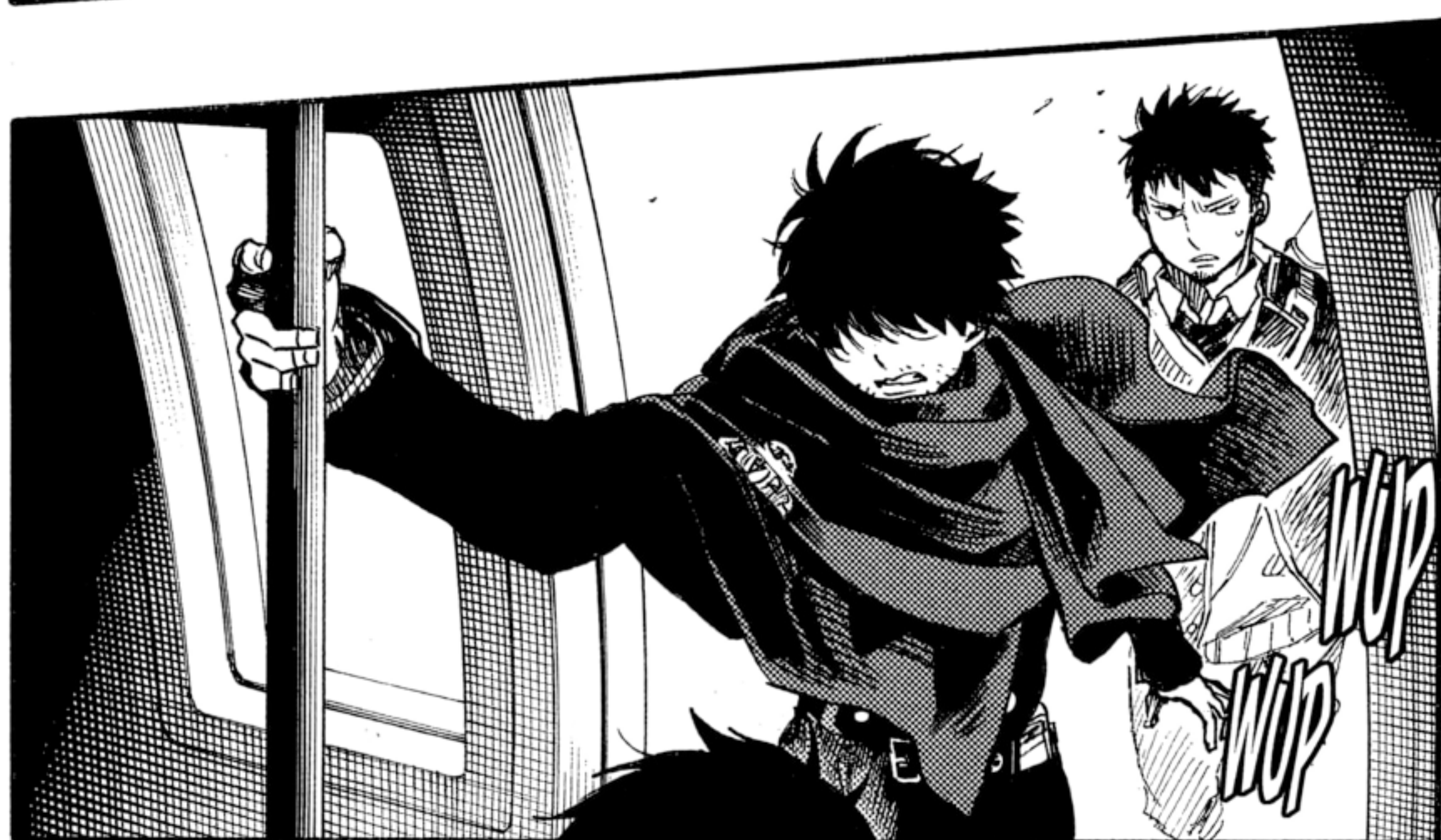
IT MAY
BE A
SHORTCUT.

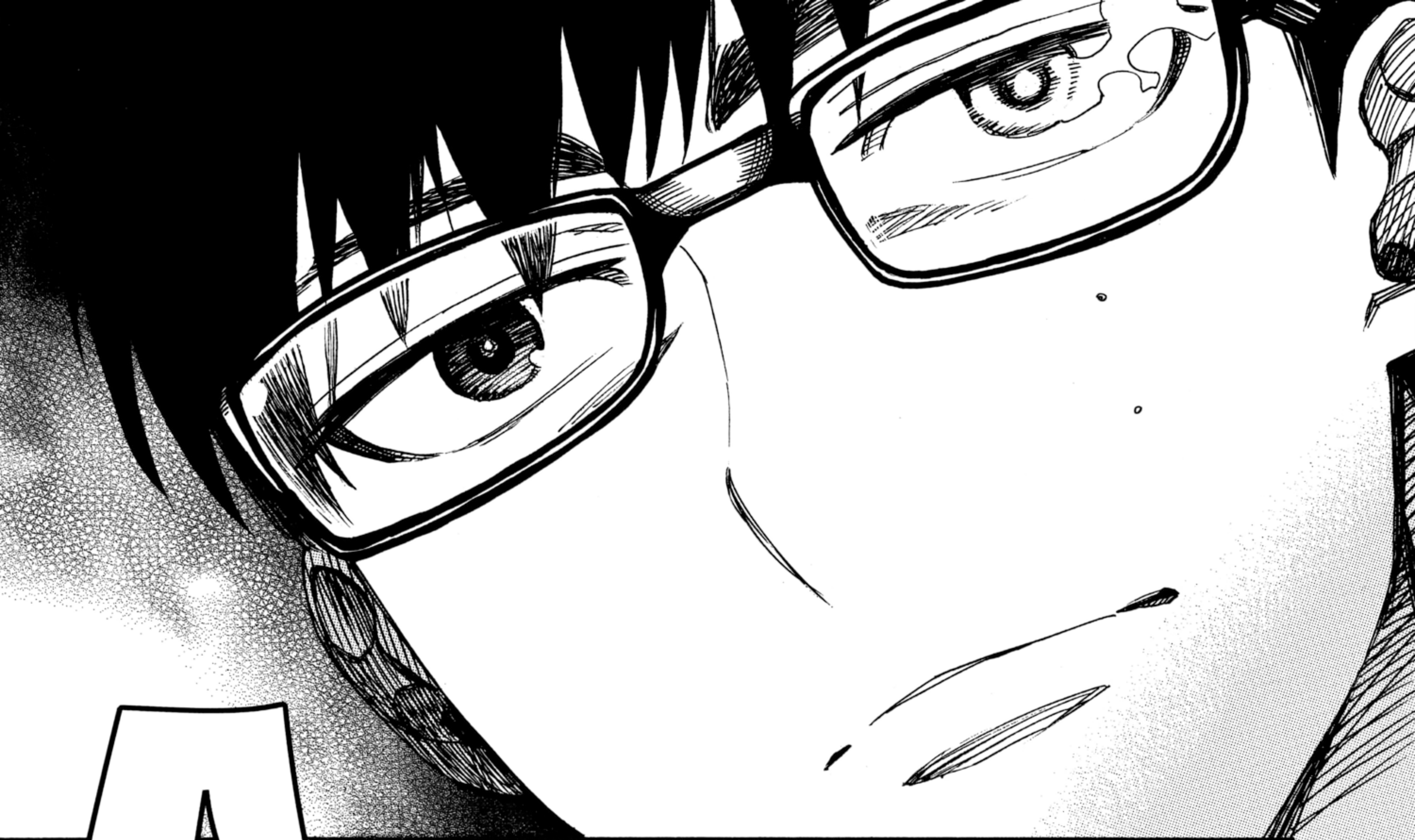
**T
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K**

IF YOU
WANT TO
SEE HIM,
STEP IN
THERE.



KZUK





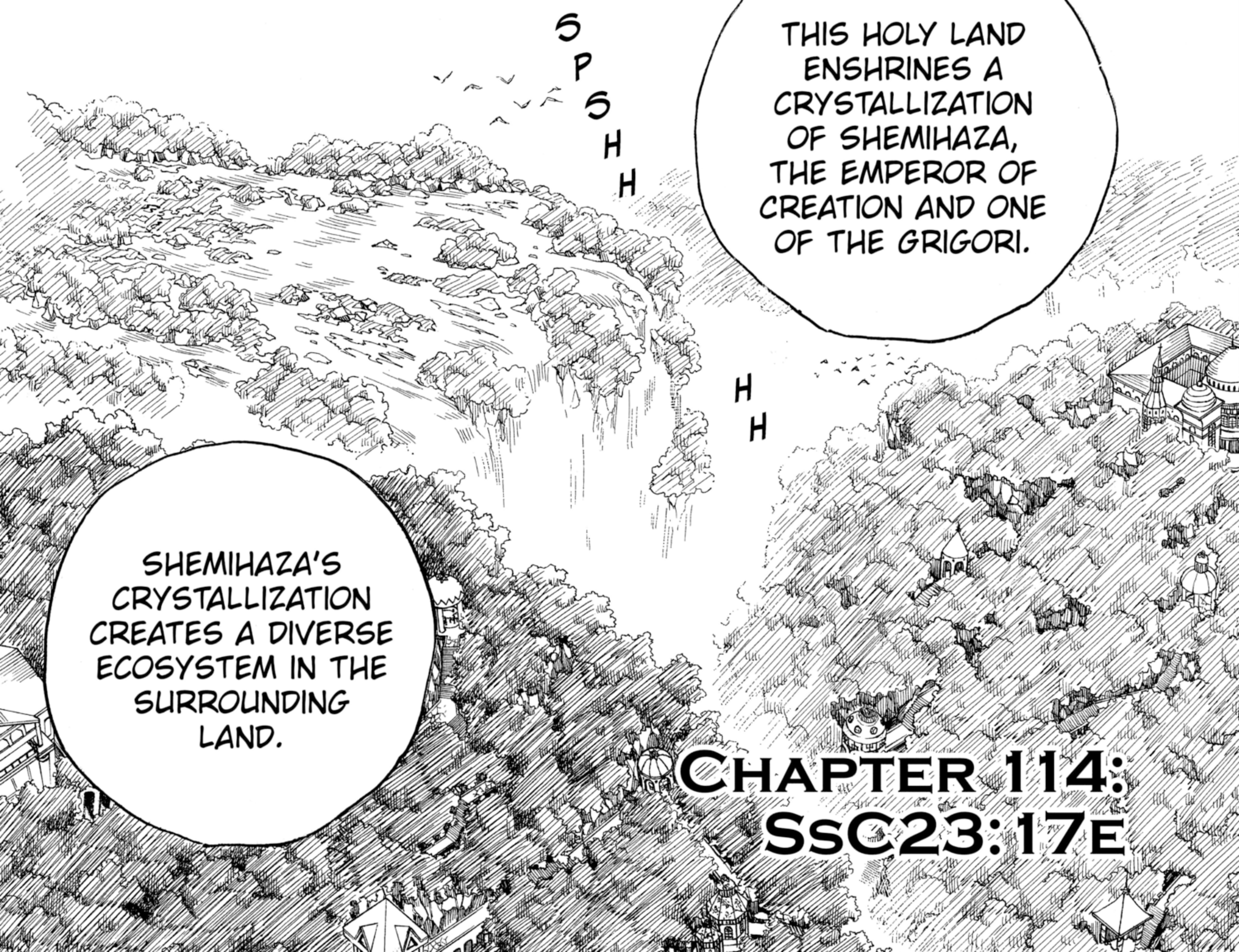




SUBTROPICAL AND
ALPINE PLANTS
GROWING IN THE
SAME PLACE?!



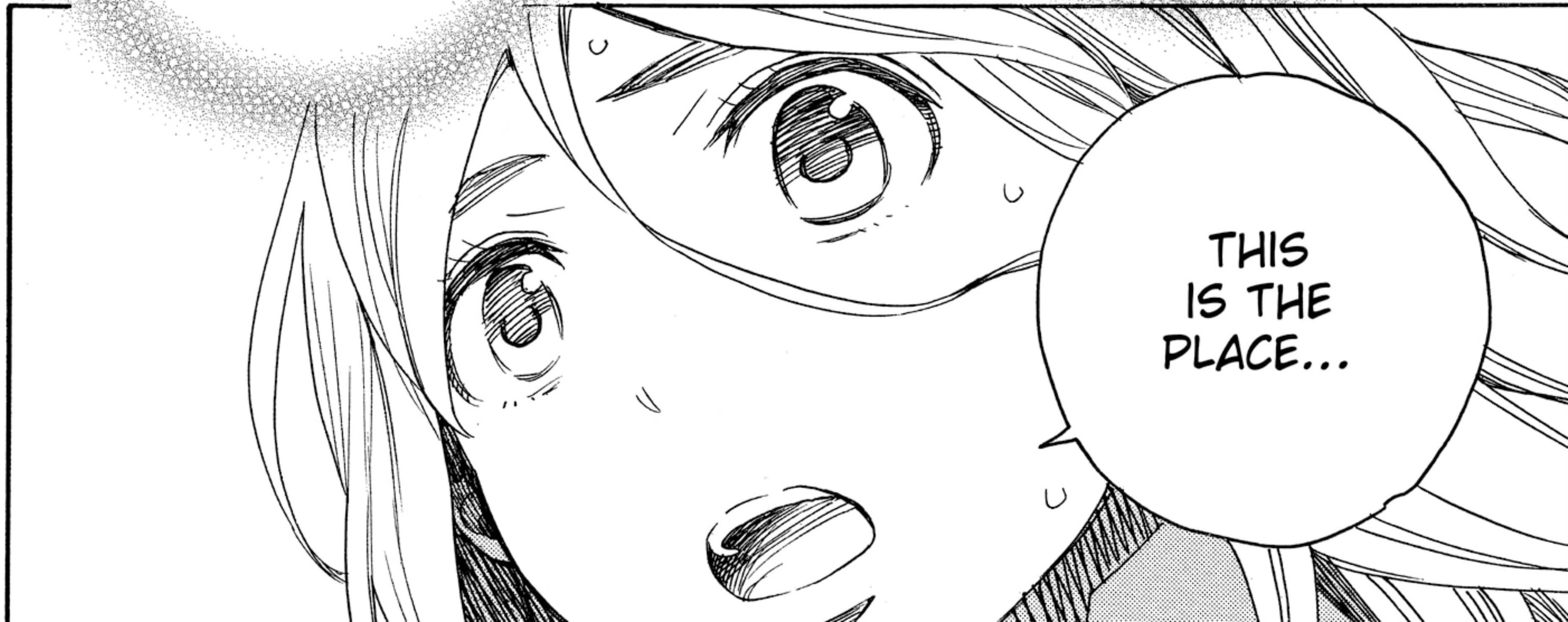
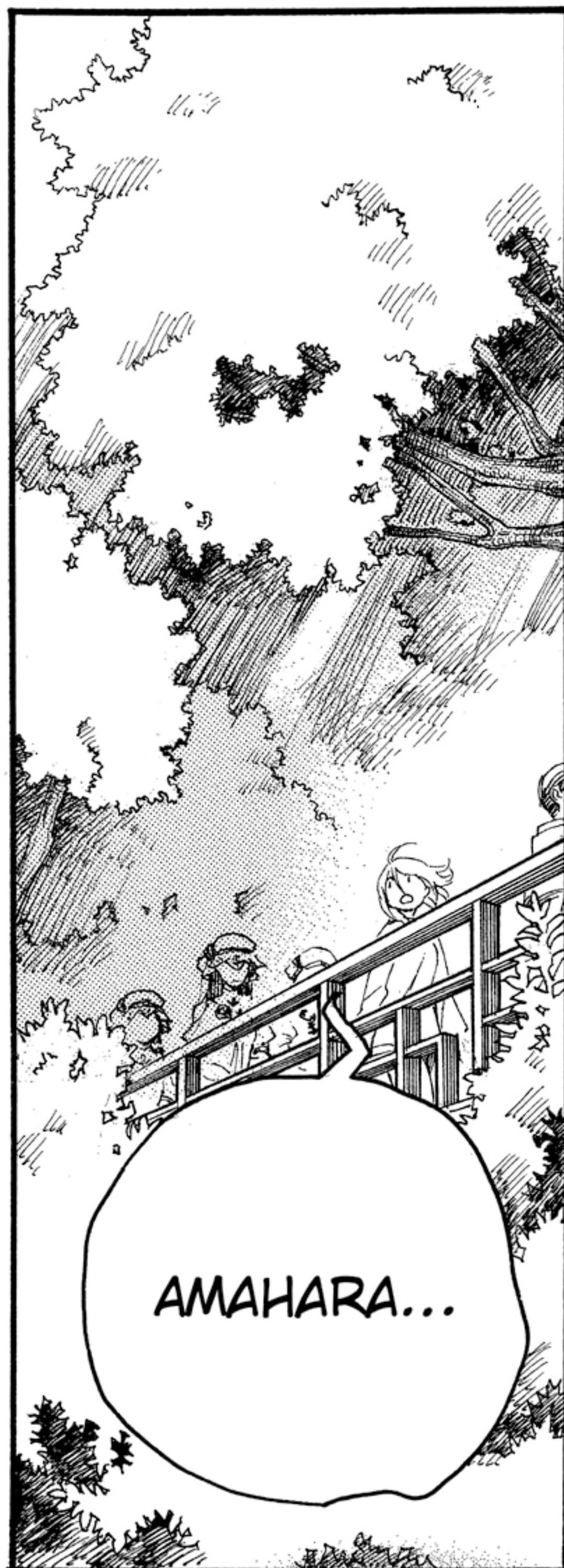
ARE YOU
SURPRISED?

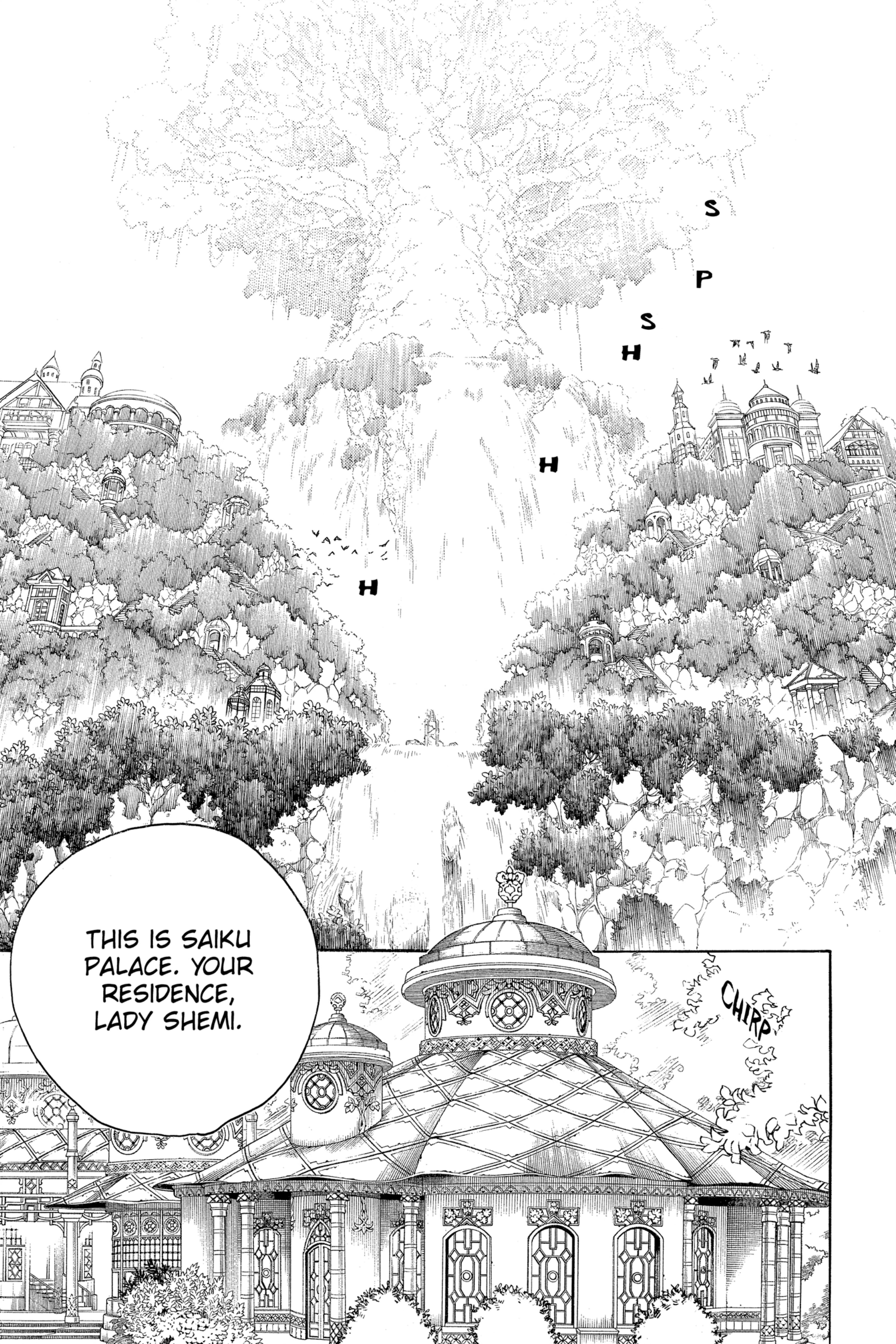


THIS HOLY LAND
ENSHRINES A
CRYSTALLIZATION
OF SHEMIHAZA,
THE EMPEROR OF
CREATION AND ONE
OF THE GRIGORI.

SHEMIHAZA'S
CRYSTALLIZATION
CREATES A DIVERSE
ECOSYSTEM IN THE
SURROUNDING
LAND.

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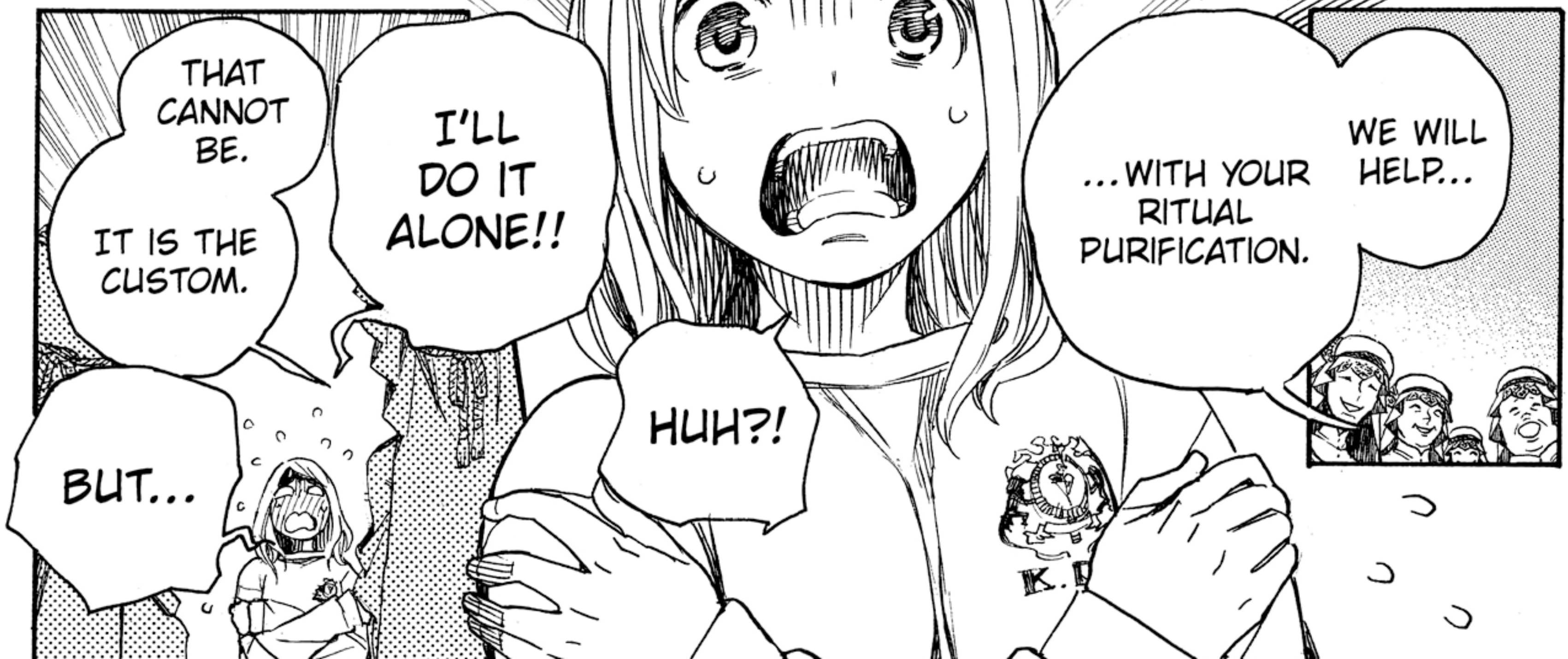
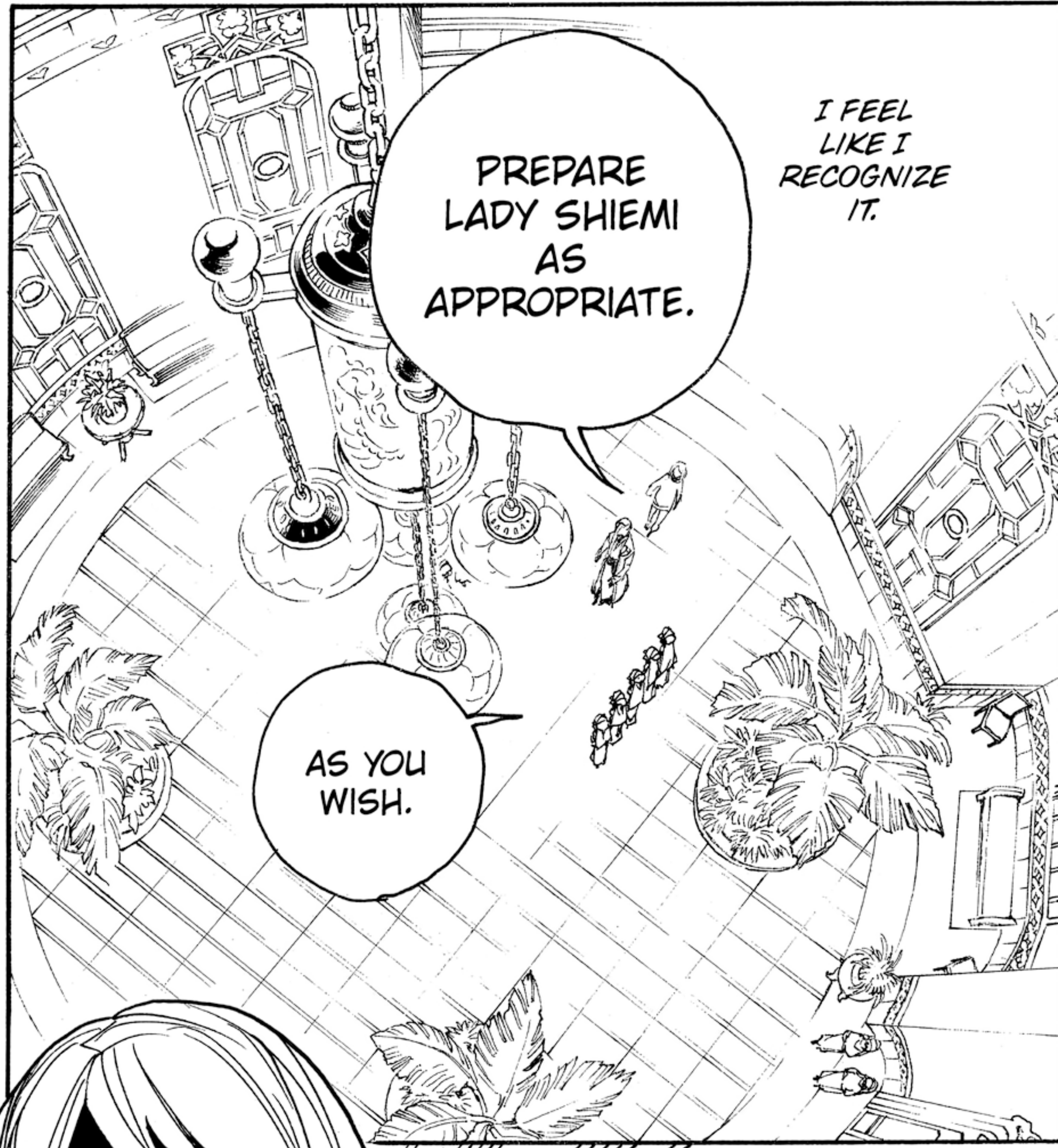
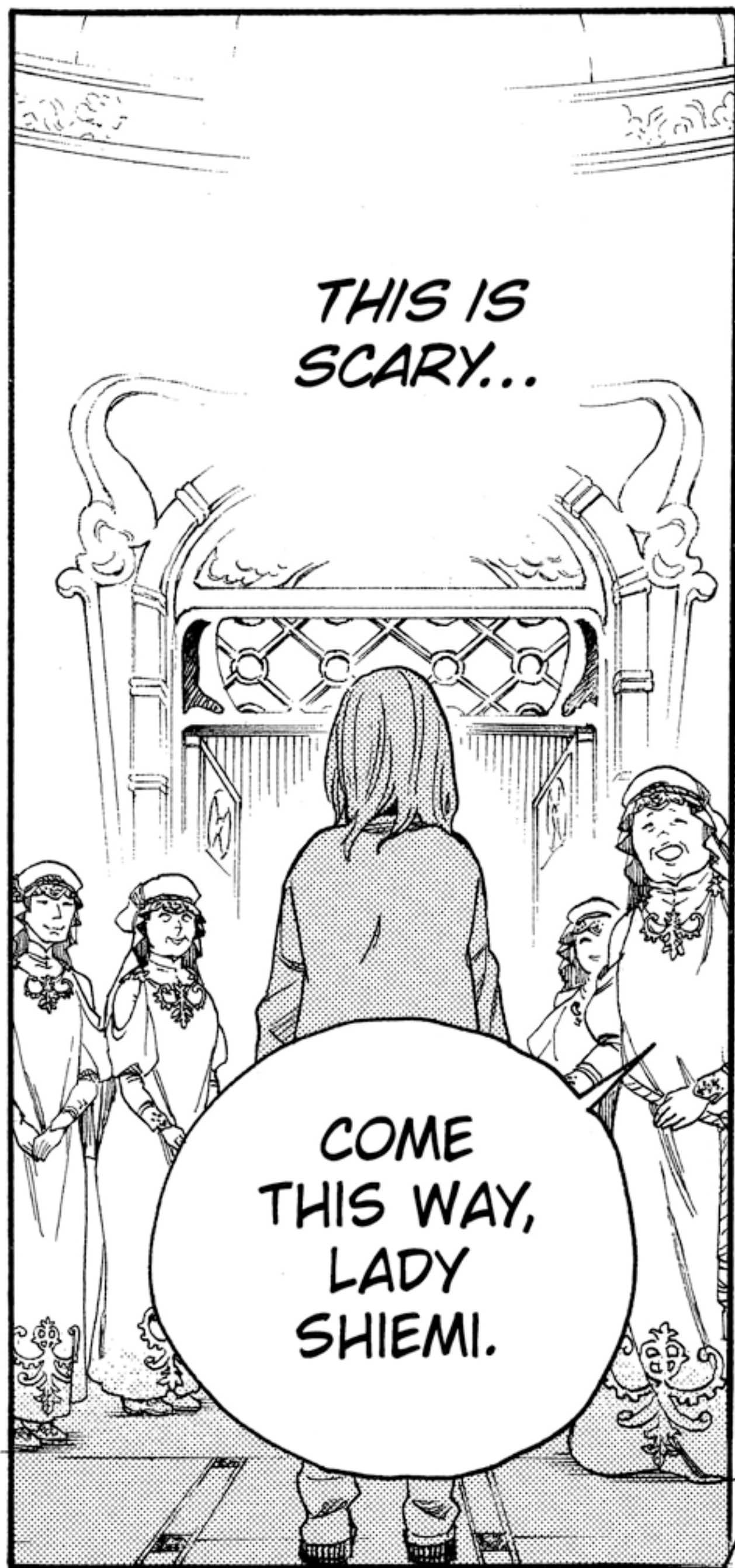
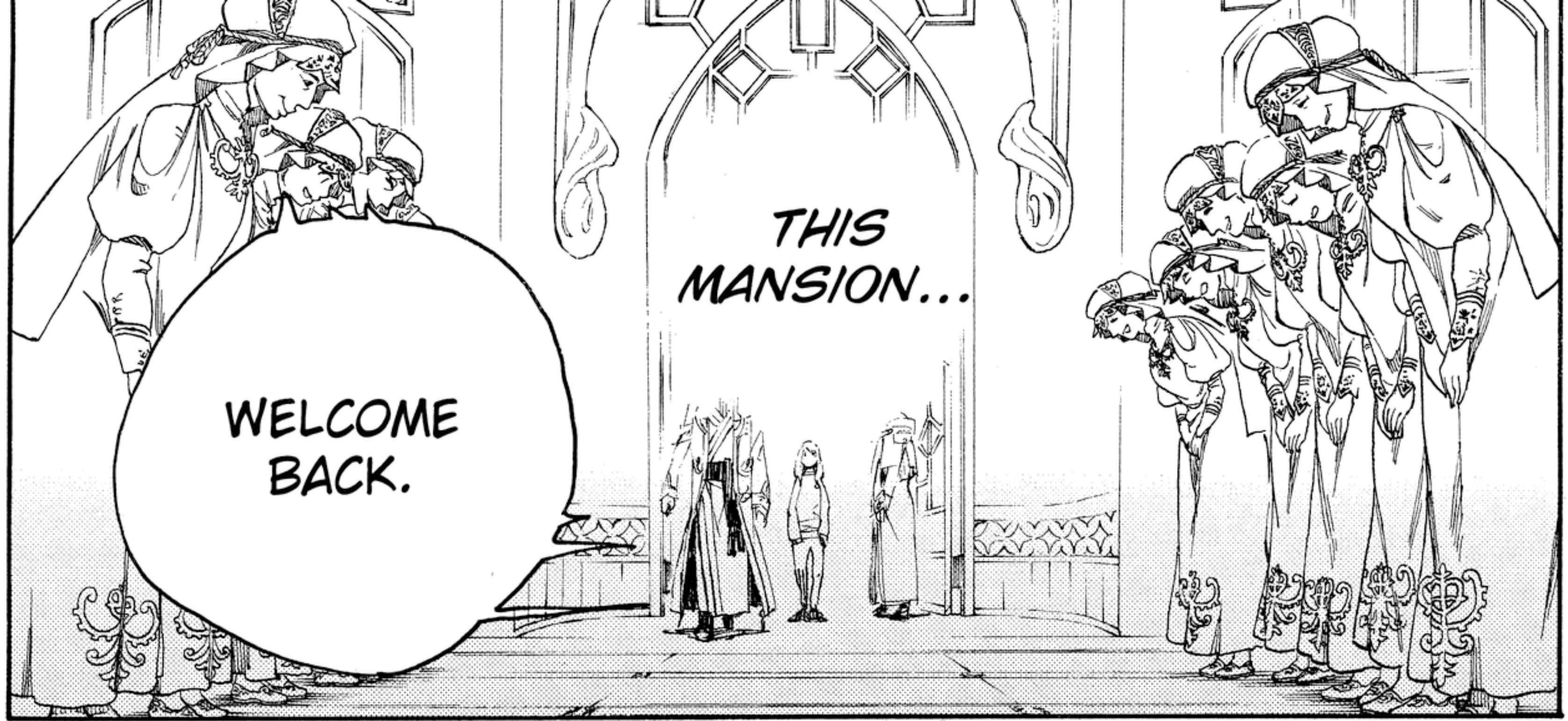
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CHIRP

THIS IS SAIKU
PALACE. YOUR
RESIDENCE,
LADY SHEMI.



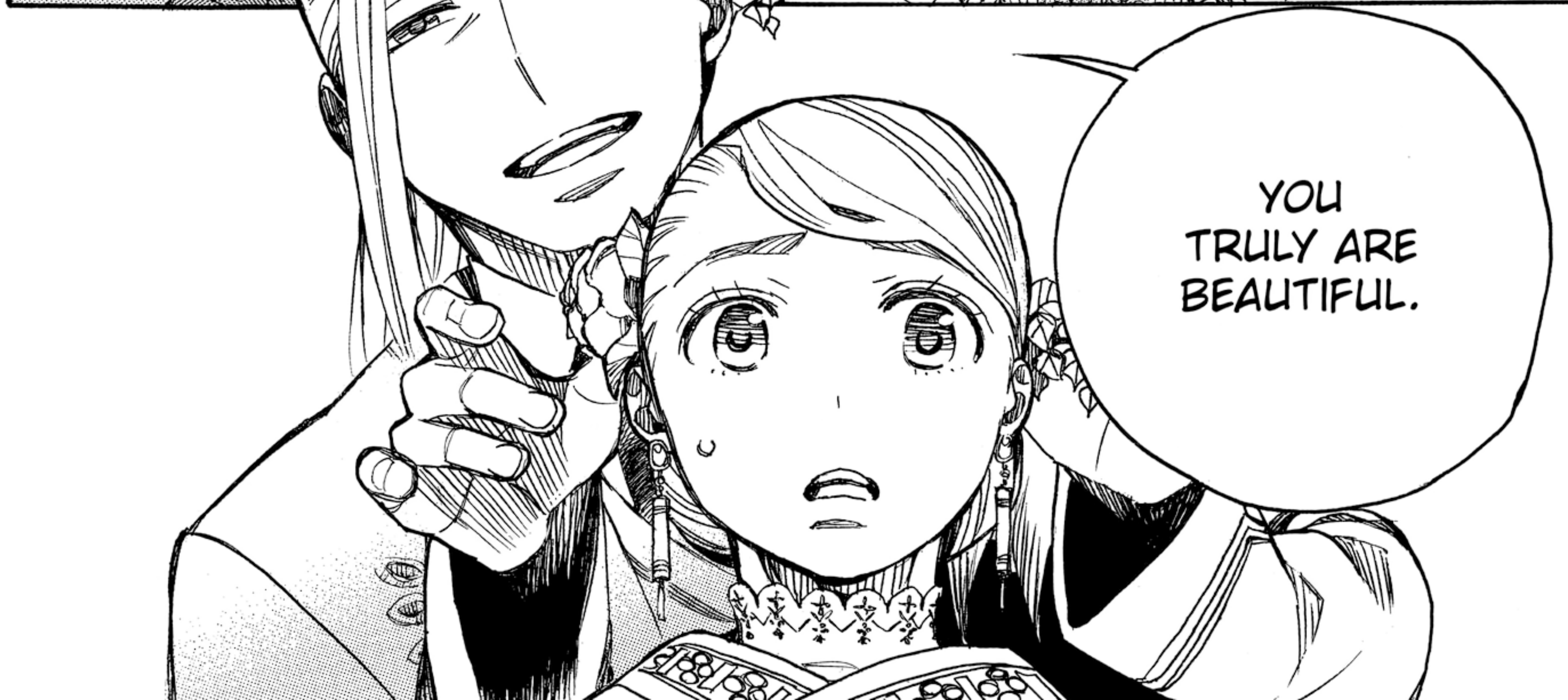
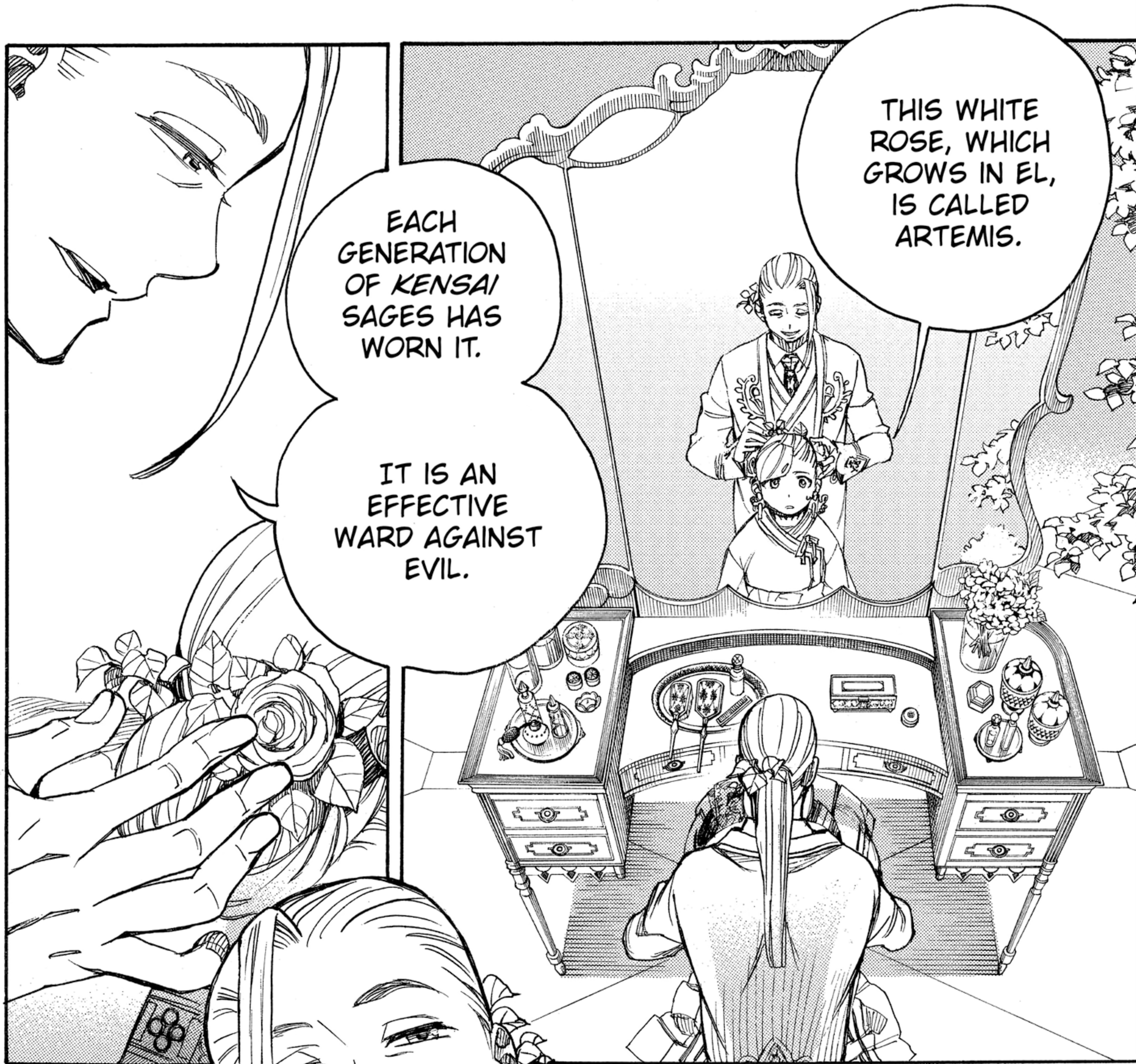
AND THIS
ROOM...

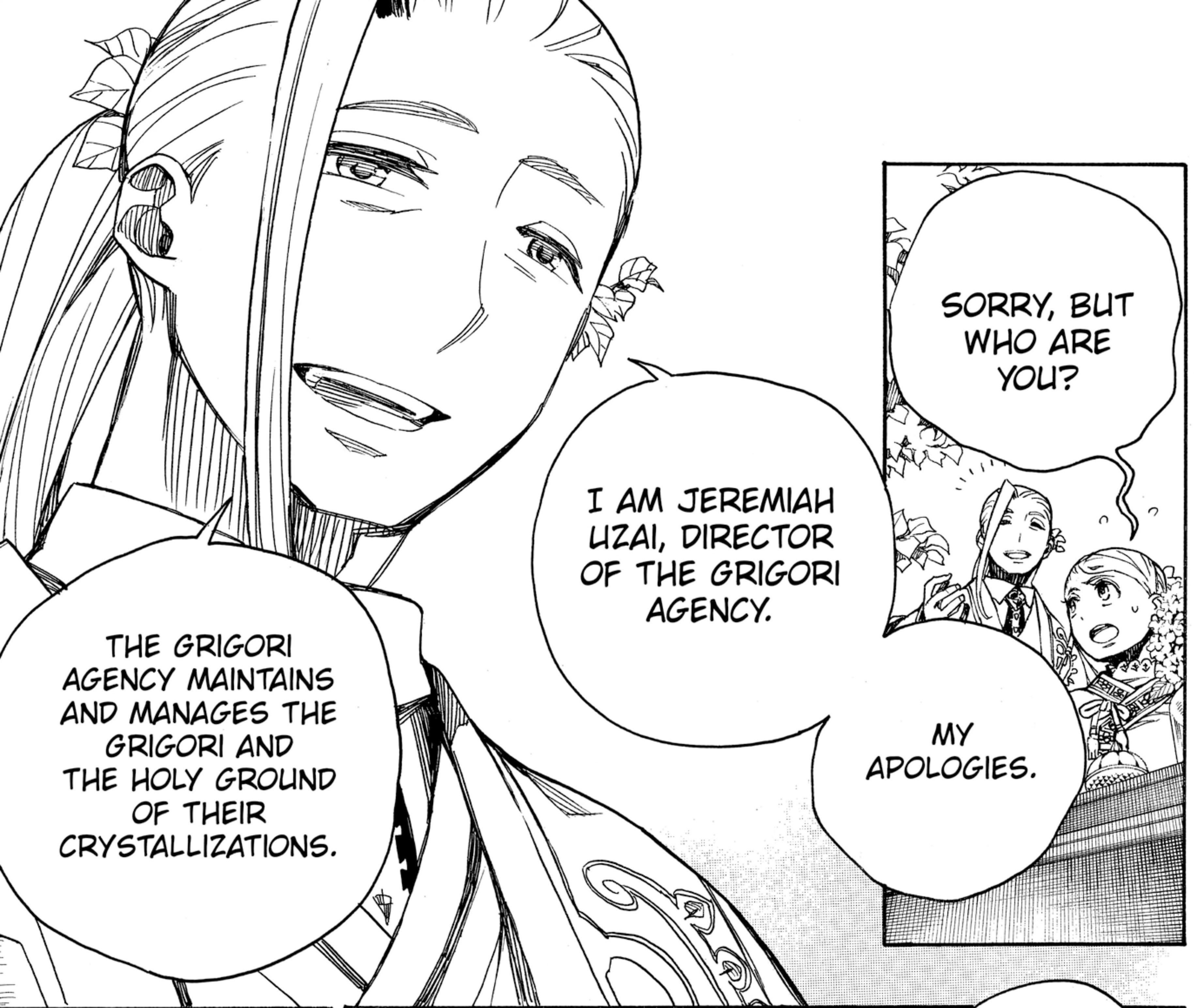


THAT
SUITS YOU
WELL!

OH
MY!

I CAN'T
CALM DOWN.
WHY IS
THAT?



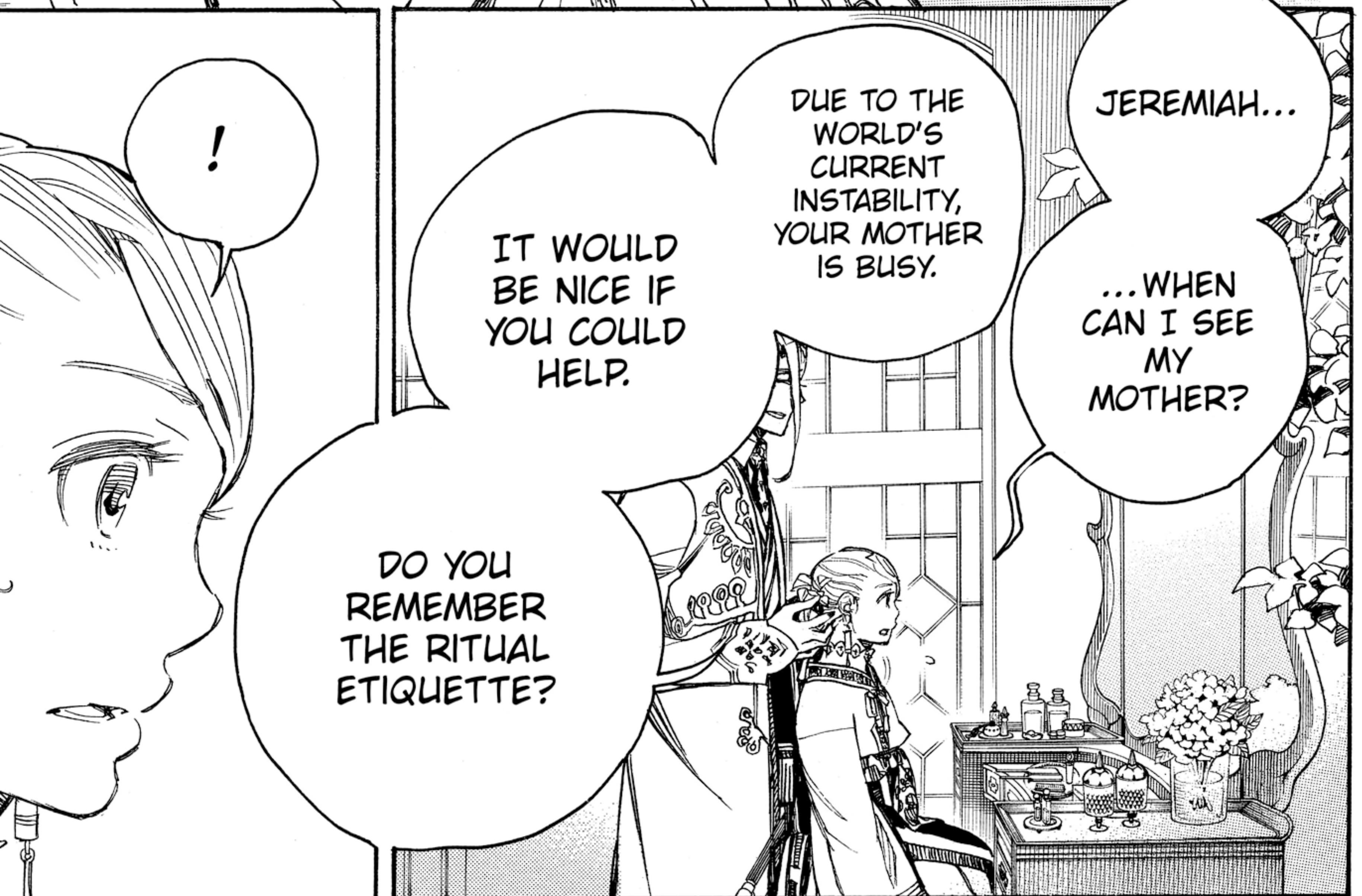


THE GRIGORI
AGENCY MAINTAINS
AND MANAGES THE
GRIGORI AND
THE HOLY GROUND
OF THEIR
CRYSTALLIZATIONS.

I AM JEREMIAH
LIZAI, DIRECTOR
OF THE GRIGORI
AGENCY.

SORRY, BUT
WHO ARE
YOU?

MY
APOLOGIES.



!

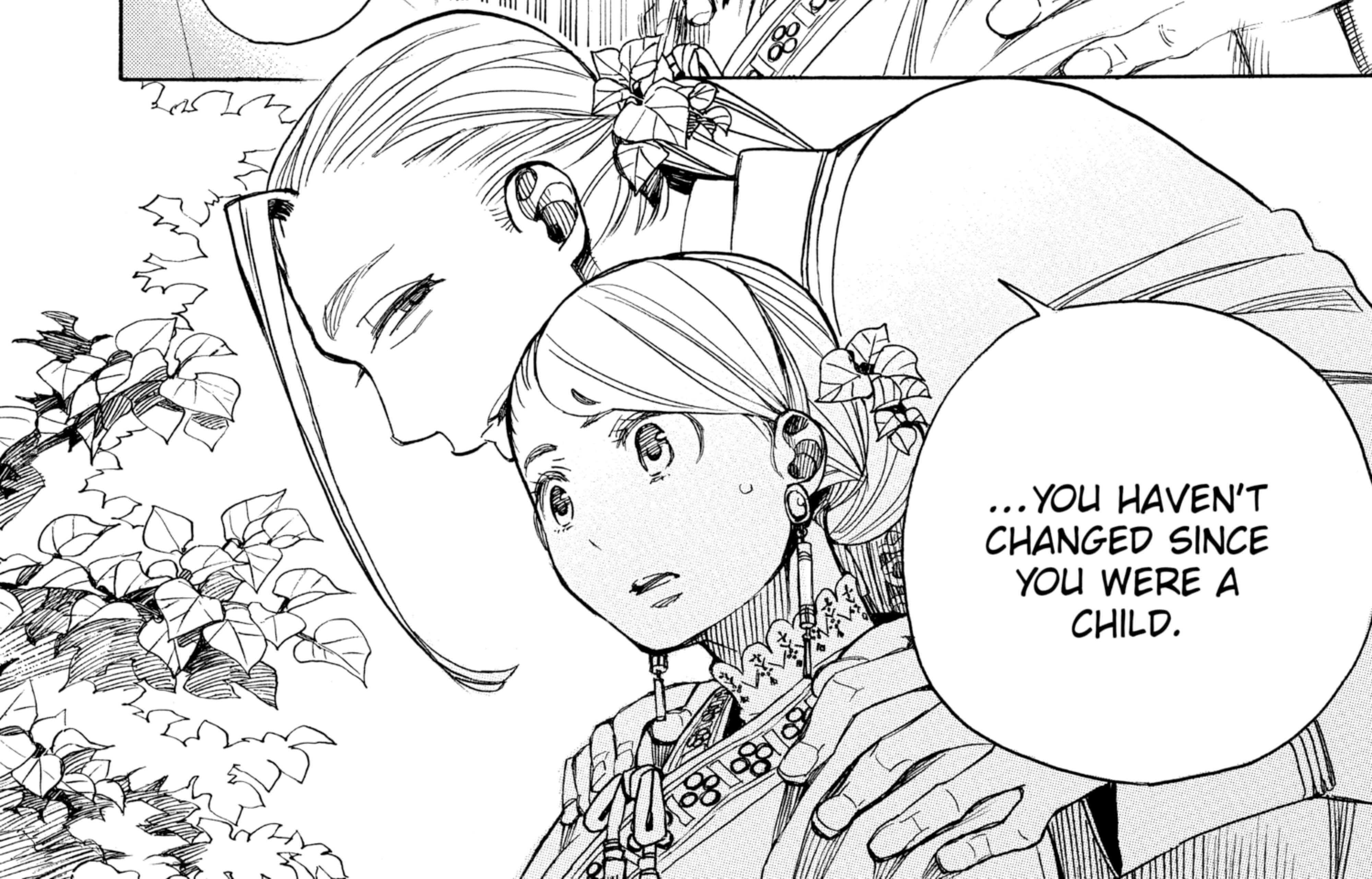
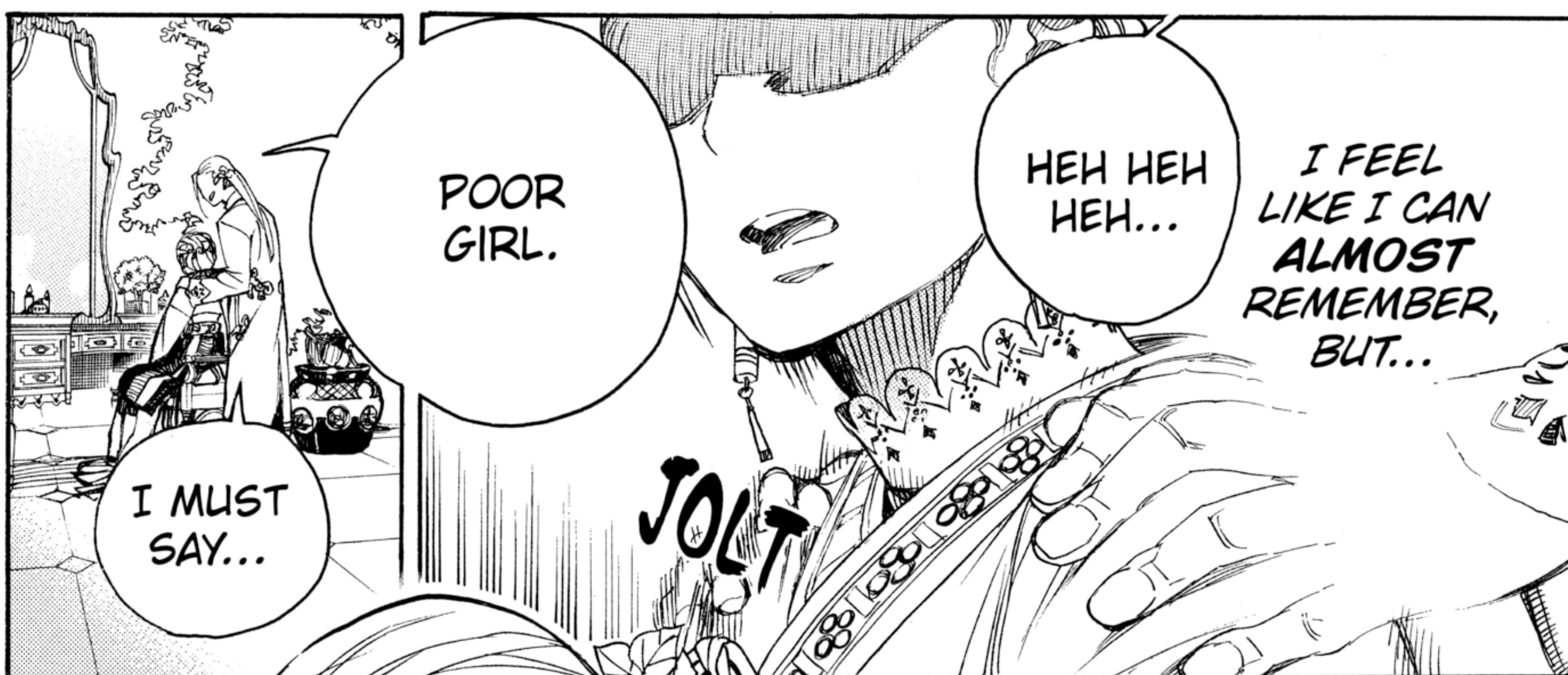
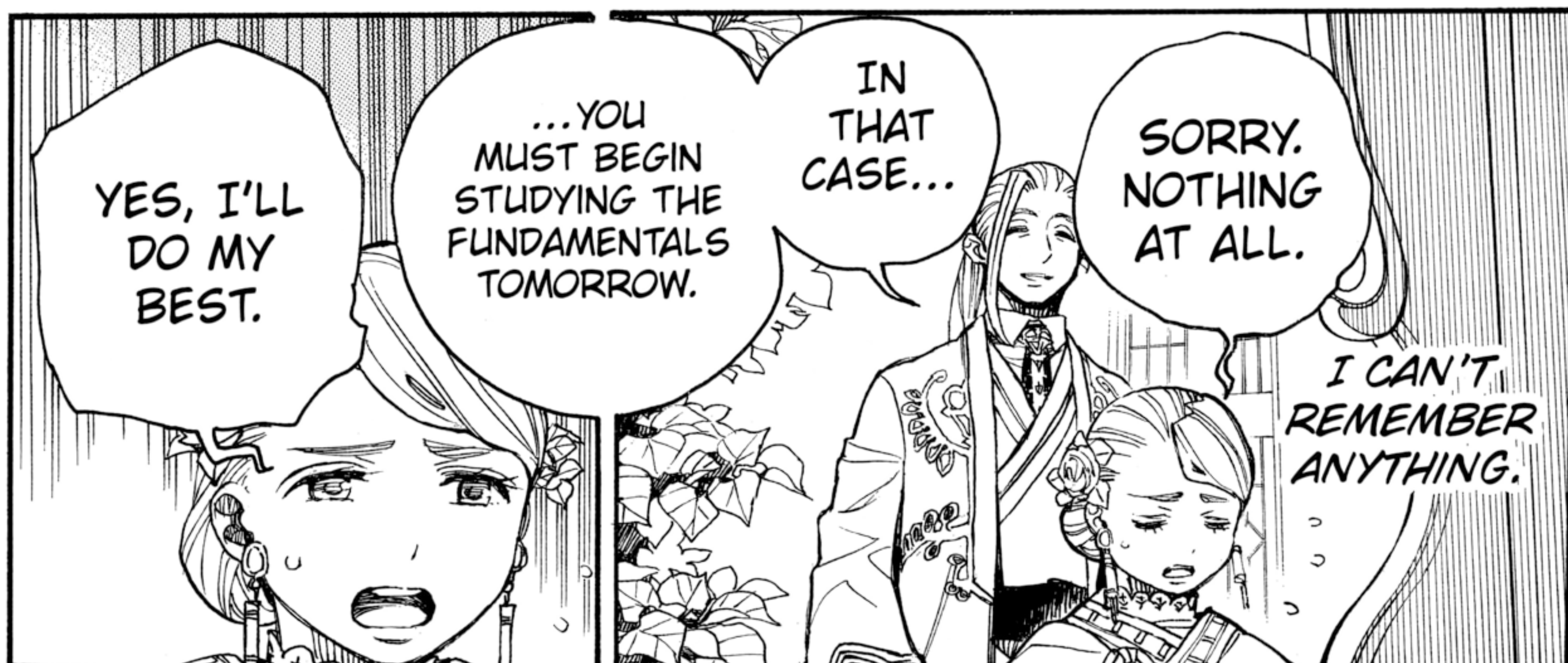
IT WOULD
BE NICE IF
YOU COULD
HELP.

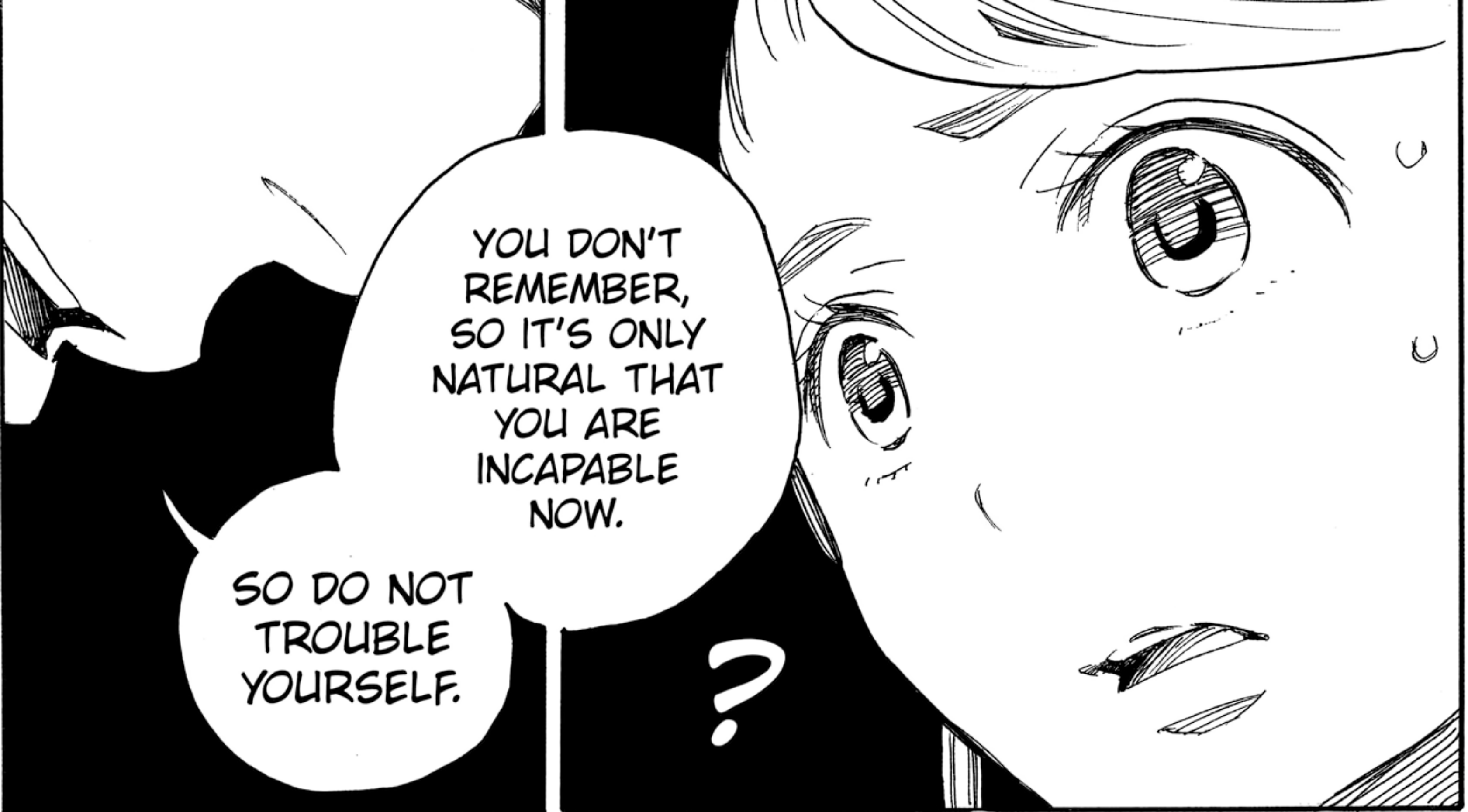
DUE TO THE
WORLD'S
CURRENT
INSTABILITY,
YOUR MOTHER
IS BUSY.

JEREMIAH...

...WHEN
CAN I SEE
MY
MOTHER?

DO YOU
REMEMBER
THE RITUAL
ETIQUETTE?





A close-up of a character's face, showing wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. A large question mark is drawn on the character's forehead.

YOU DON'T
REMEMBER,
SO IT'S ONLY
NATURAL THAT
YOU ARE
INCAPABLE
NOW.

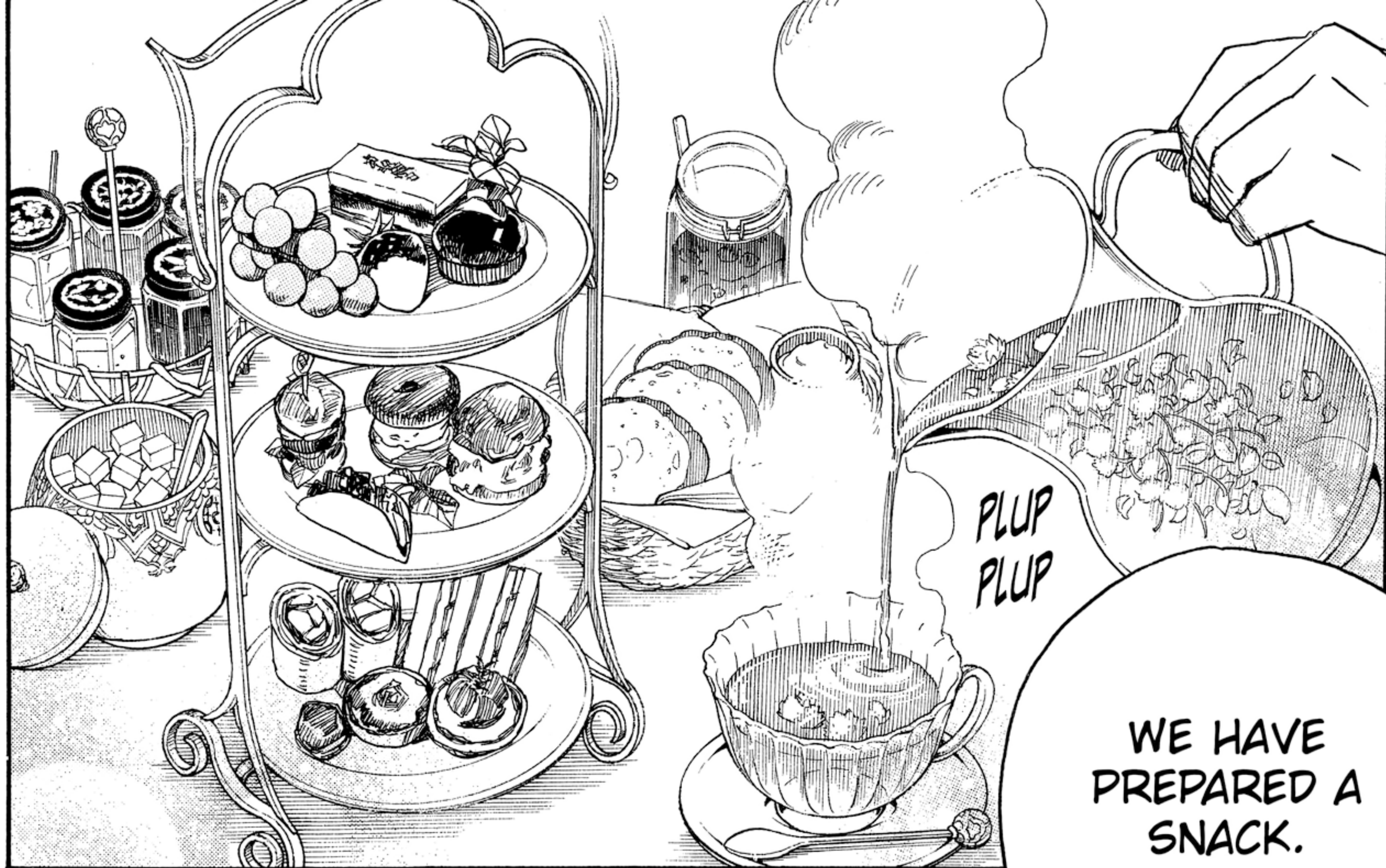
SO DO NOT
TROUBLE
YOURSELF.



A character with long, light-colored hair and a gentle smile is holding a young girl. The girl has a surprised expression and is wearing a decorative headband. The character is wearing a garment with intricate patterns.

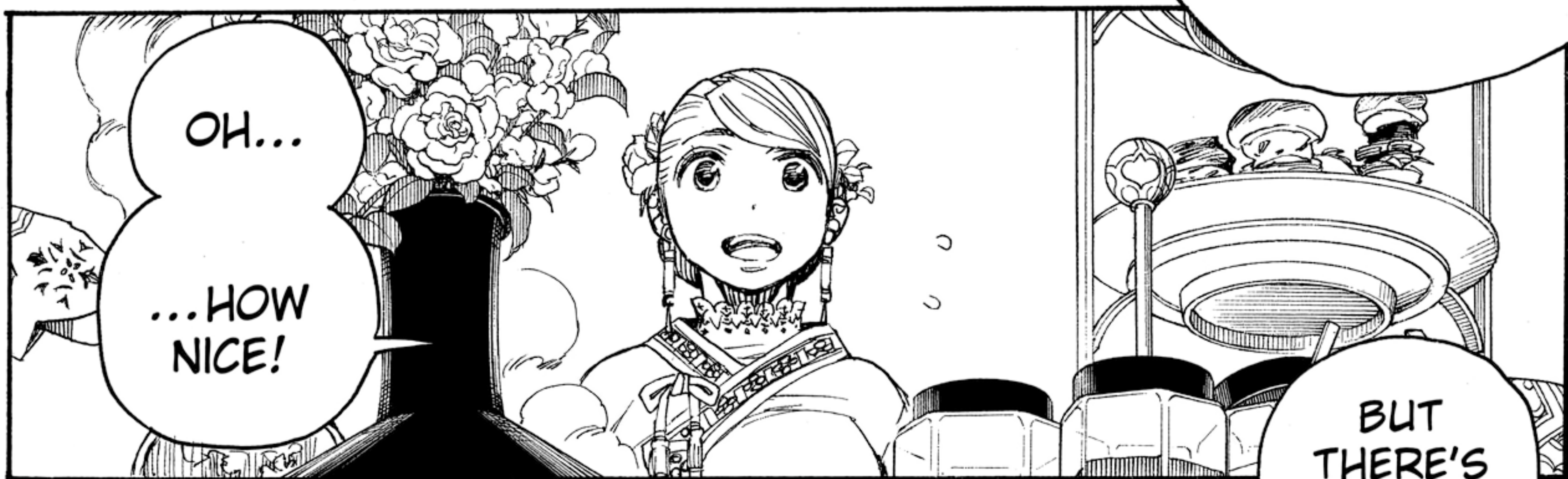
WE WILL
INSTILL
EVERYTHING
IN YOU.

**HE
SCARES
ME!**



PLUP
PLUP

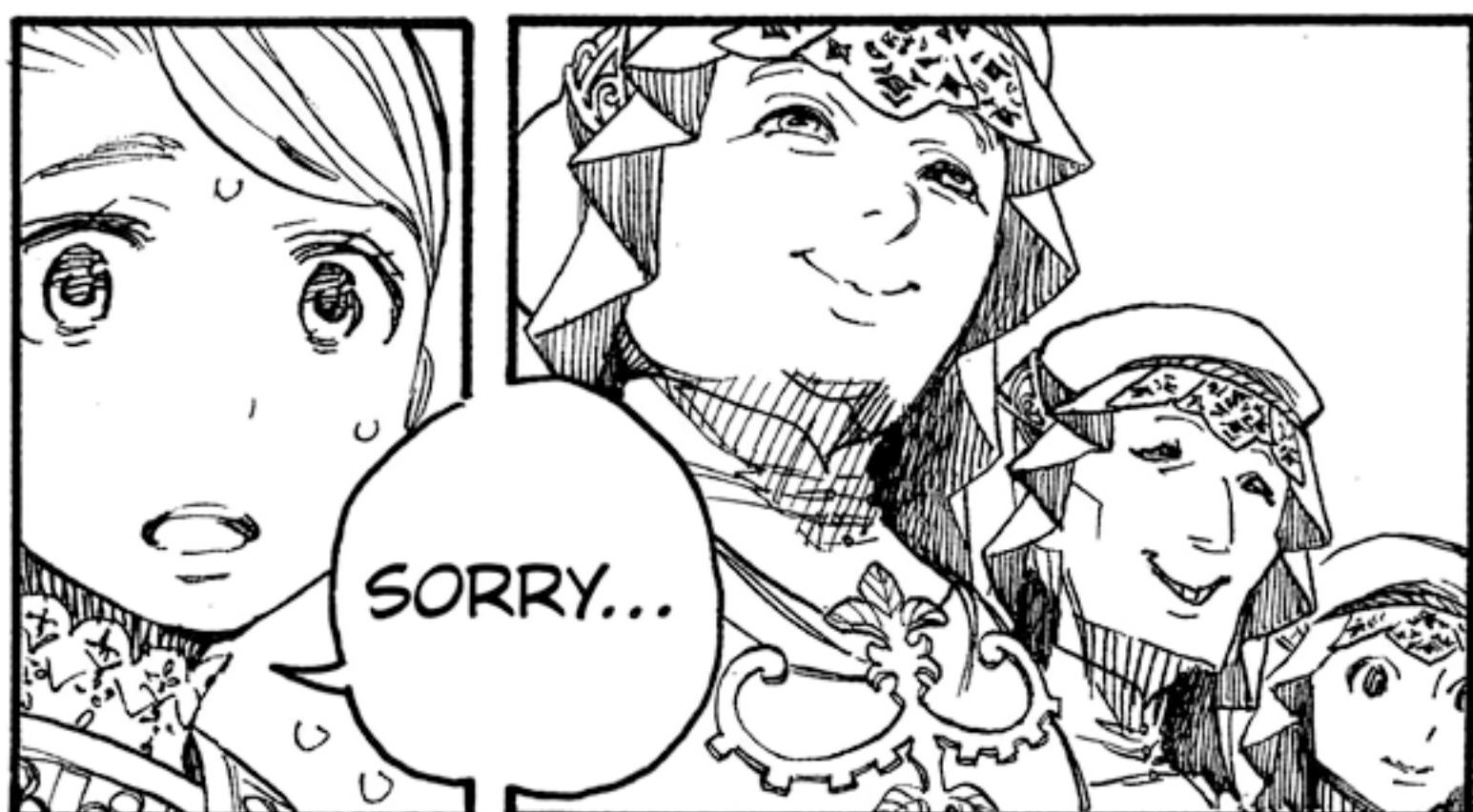
WE HAVE
PREPARED A
SNACK.



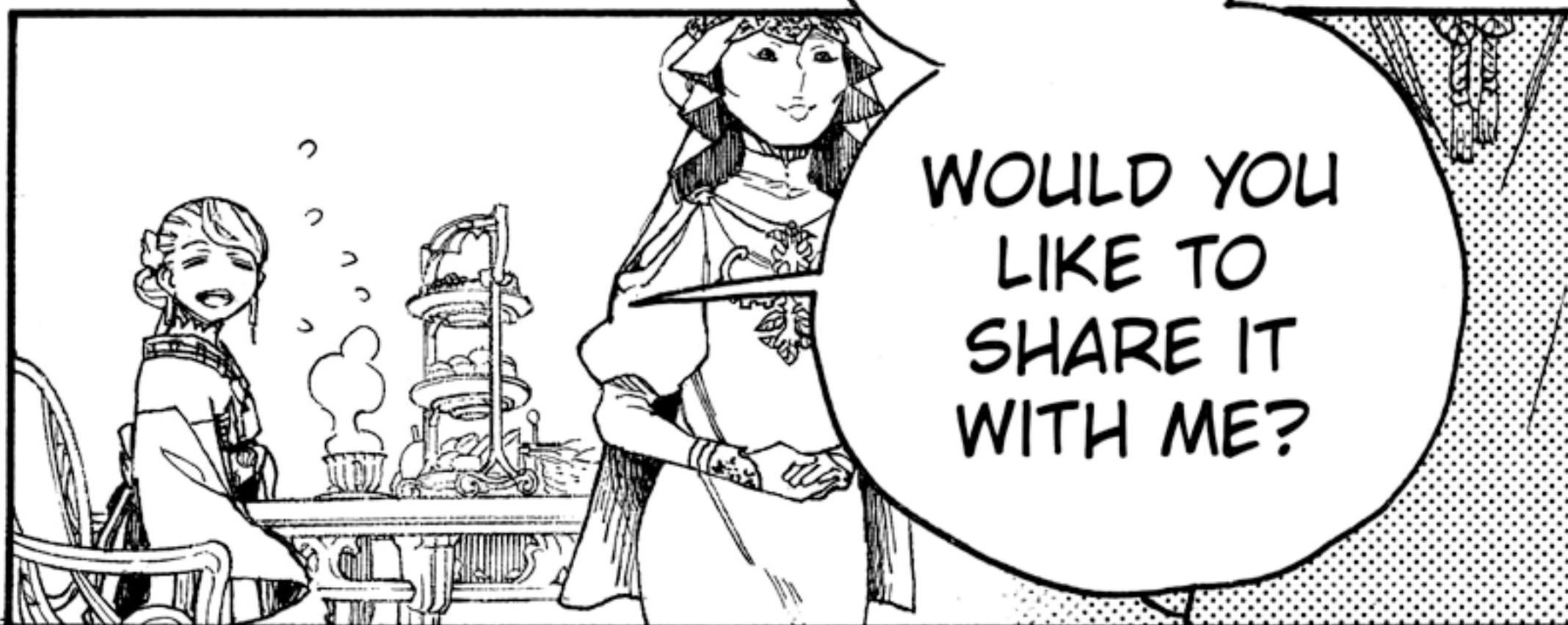
OH...

...HOW
NICE!

BUT
THERE'S
SO MUCH!



SORRY...



WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
SHARE IT
WITH ME?



...
ALONE.

I
AM...

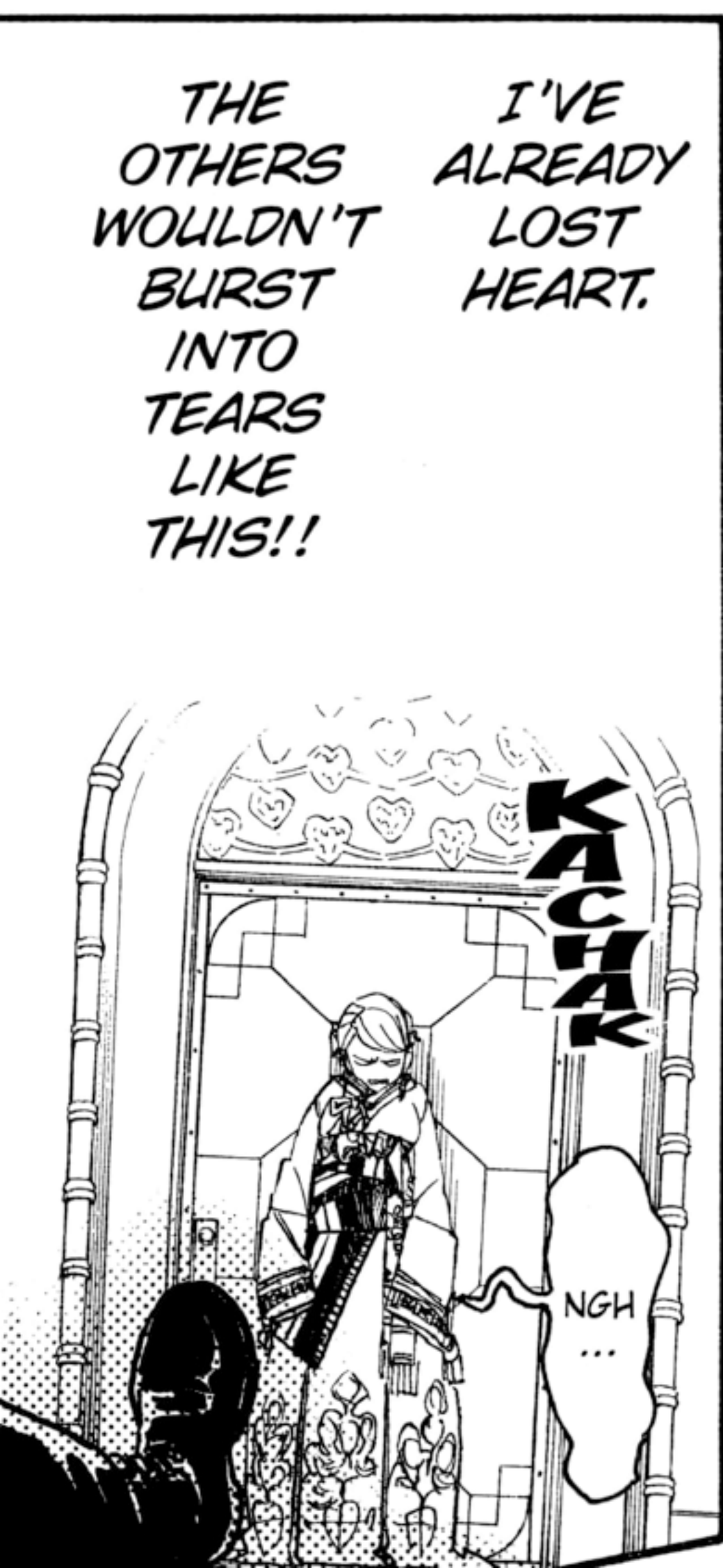


...THAT I'LL
NEVER SEE
MY FRIENDS
AGAIN?

COULD
IT BE...



BLOOP



THE
OTHERS
WOULDN'T
BURST
INTO
TEARS
LIKE
THIS!!

I'VE
ALREADY
LOST
HEART.

KACHAK

NGH
...



RIGHT
THIS
WAY.

SHALL I
ASSIST
YOU?

NO,
THANKS.



NO.

CHAK

...I
GOTTA
USE THE
LADIES'
ROOM!

BUT
...

SORRY...



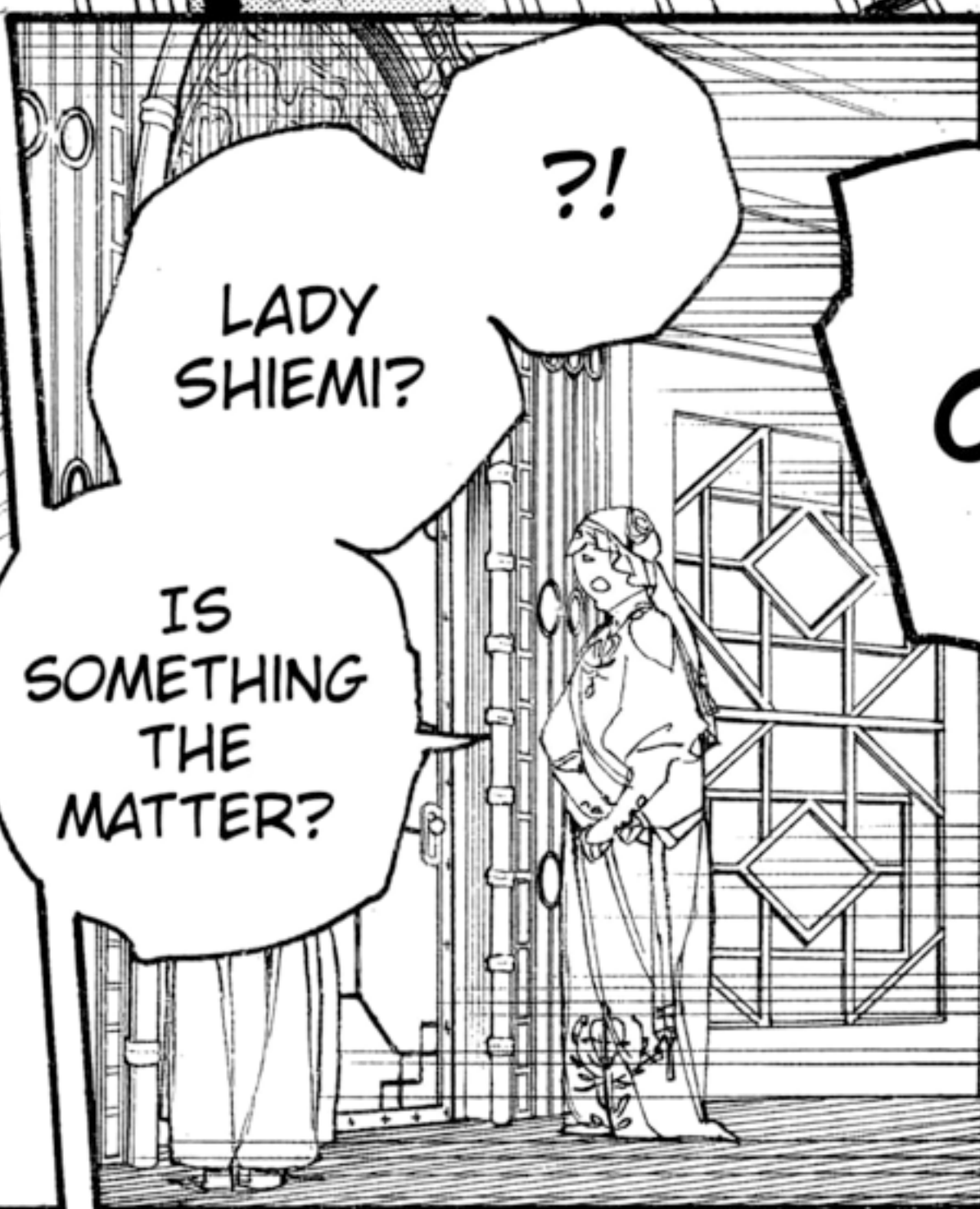
AND IF
RIN
WERE
HERE—

WHAT
WOULD
YUKI DO?



...NO, N...
IT'S
NOTHING!

W-
W-
W...



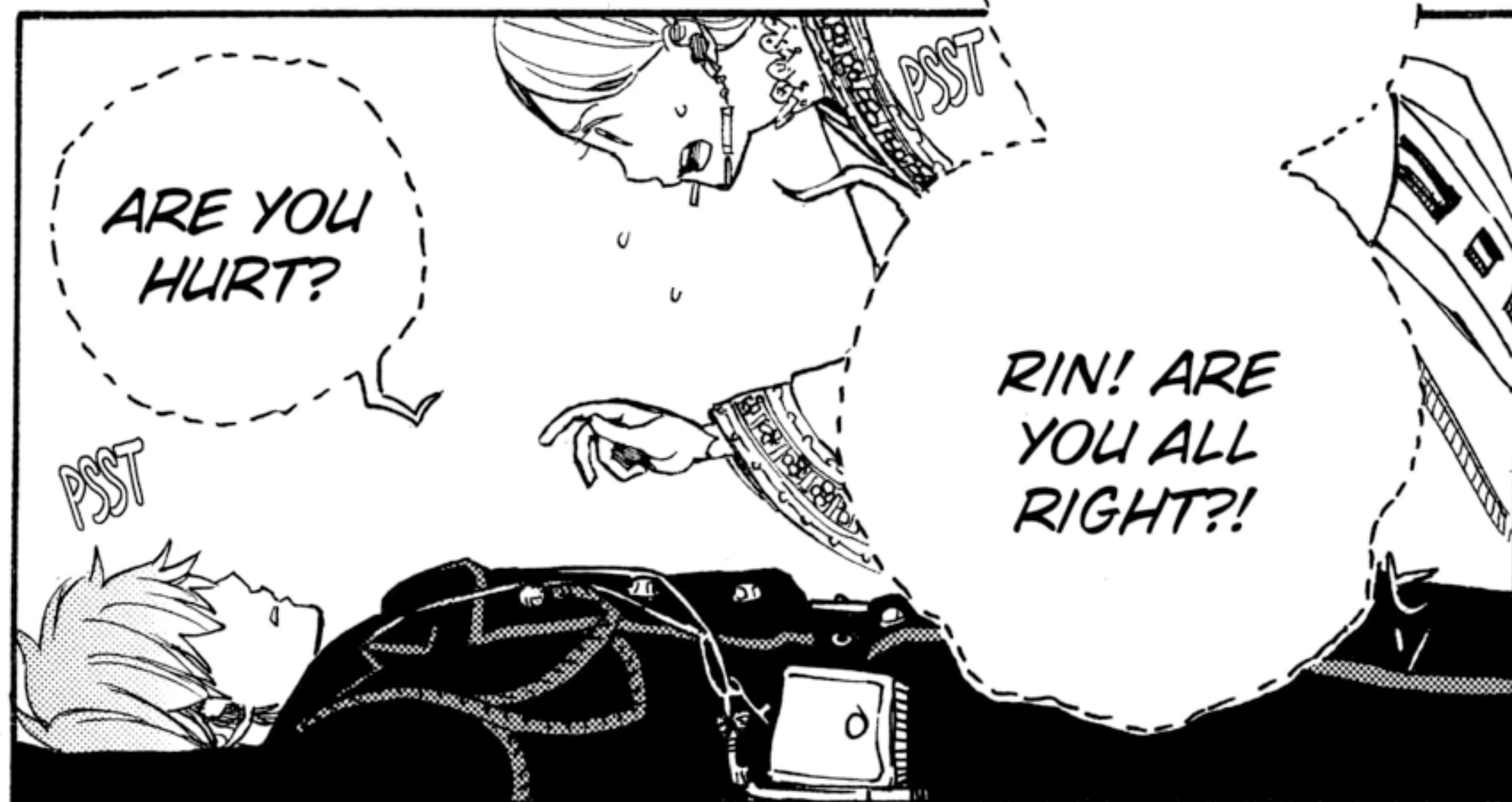
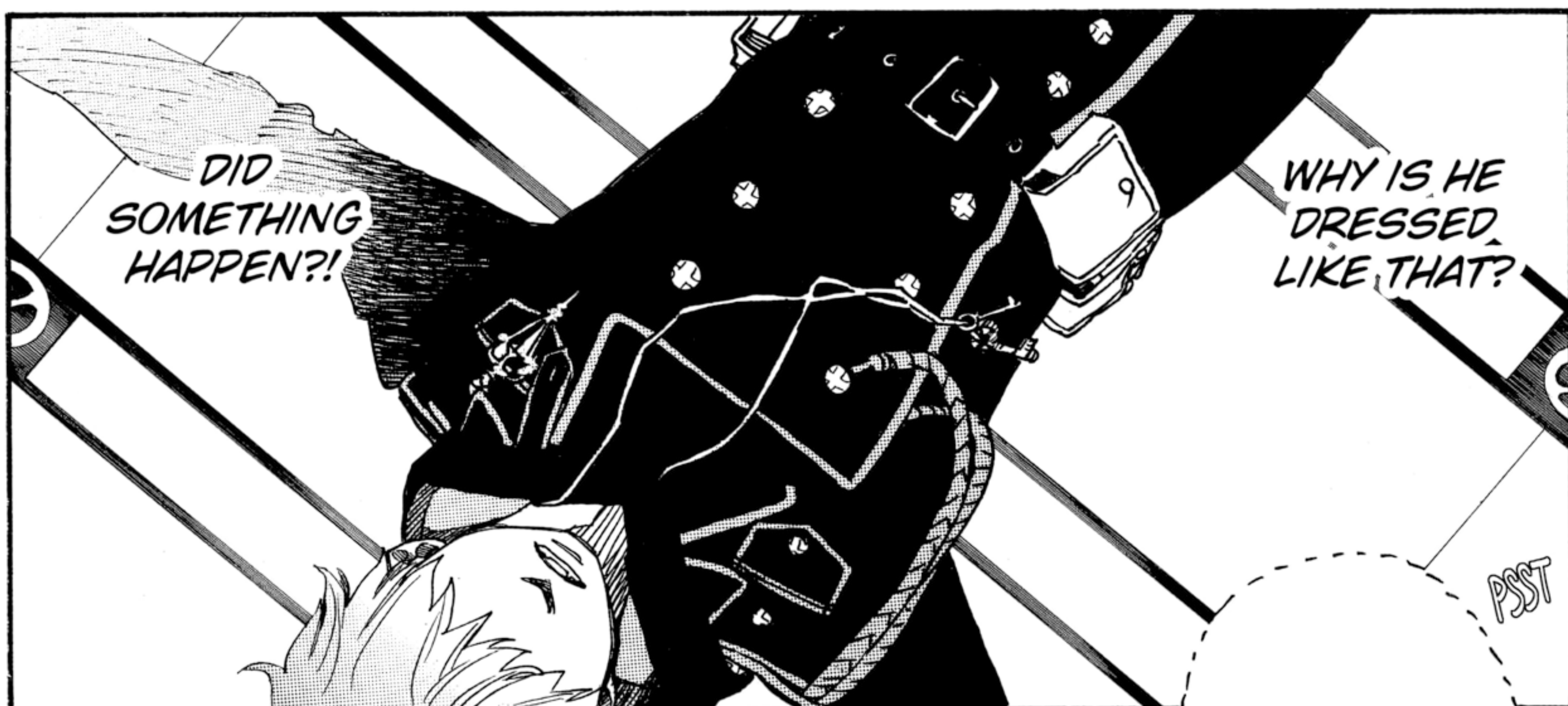
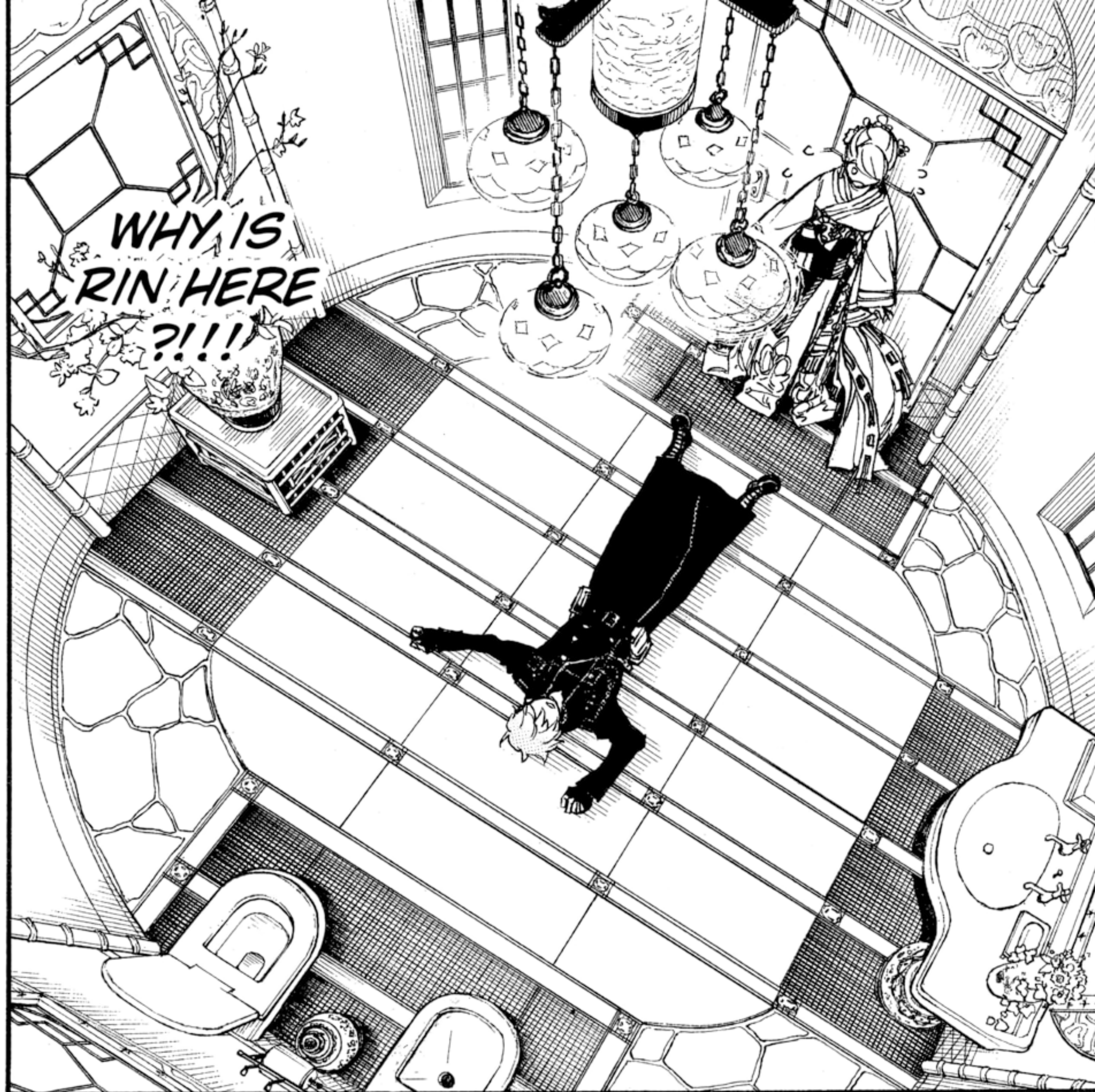
?!
LADY
SHIEMI?

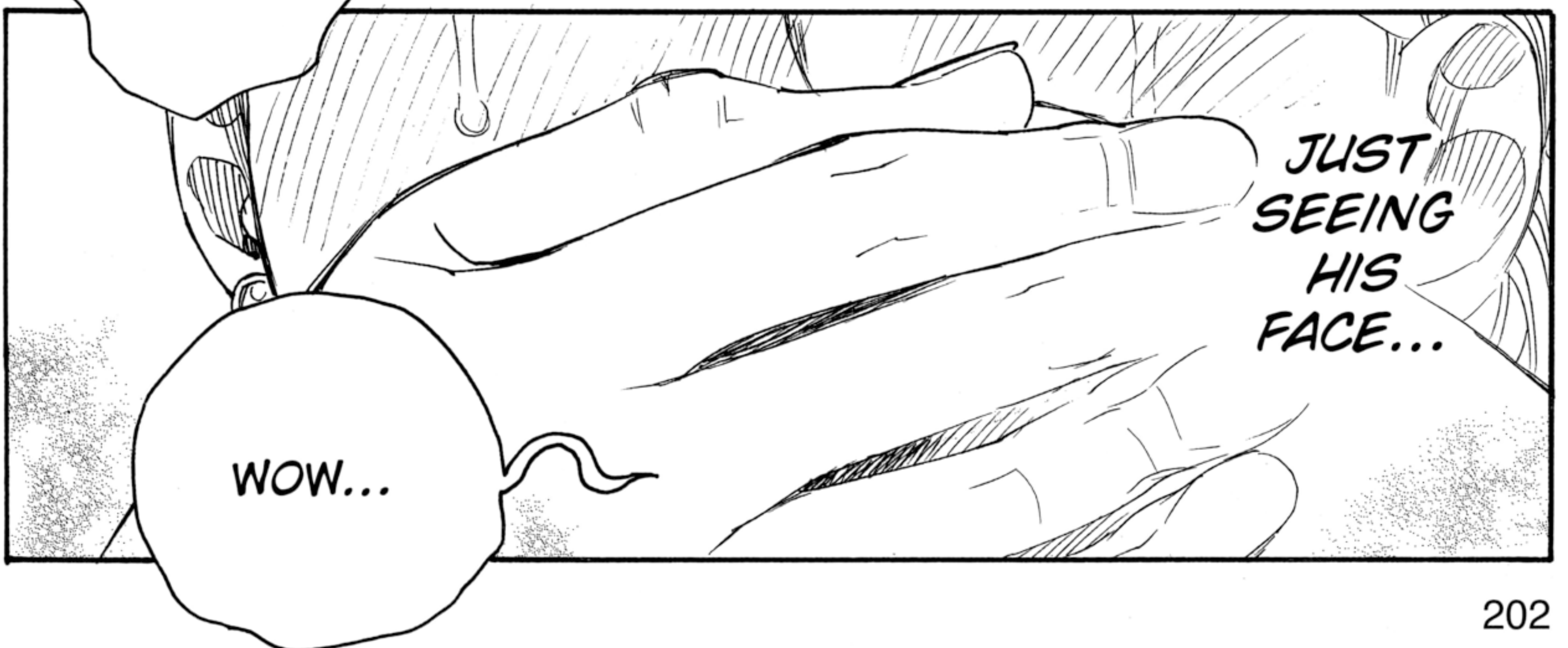
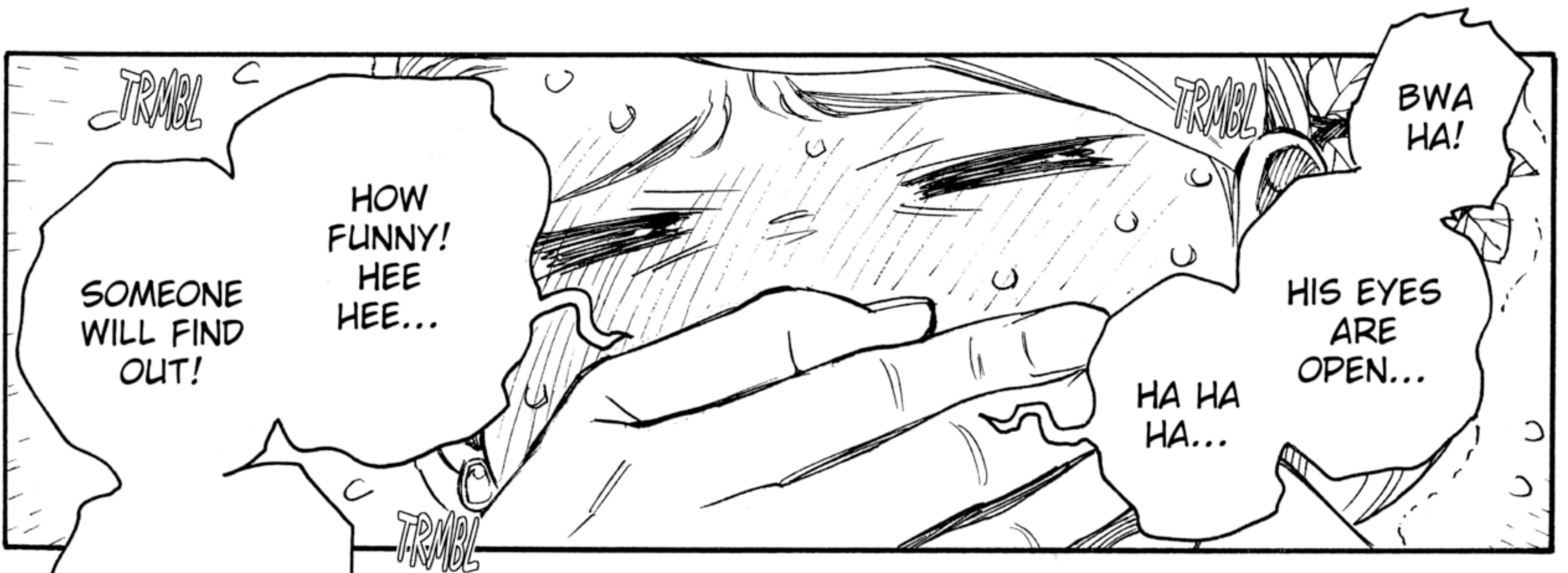
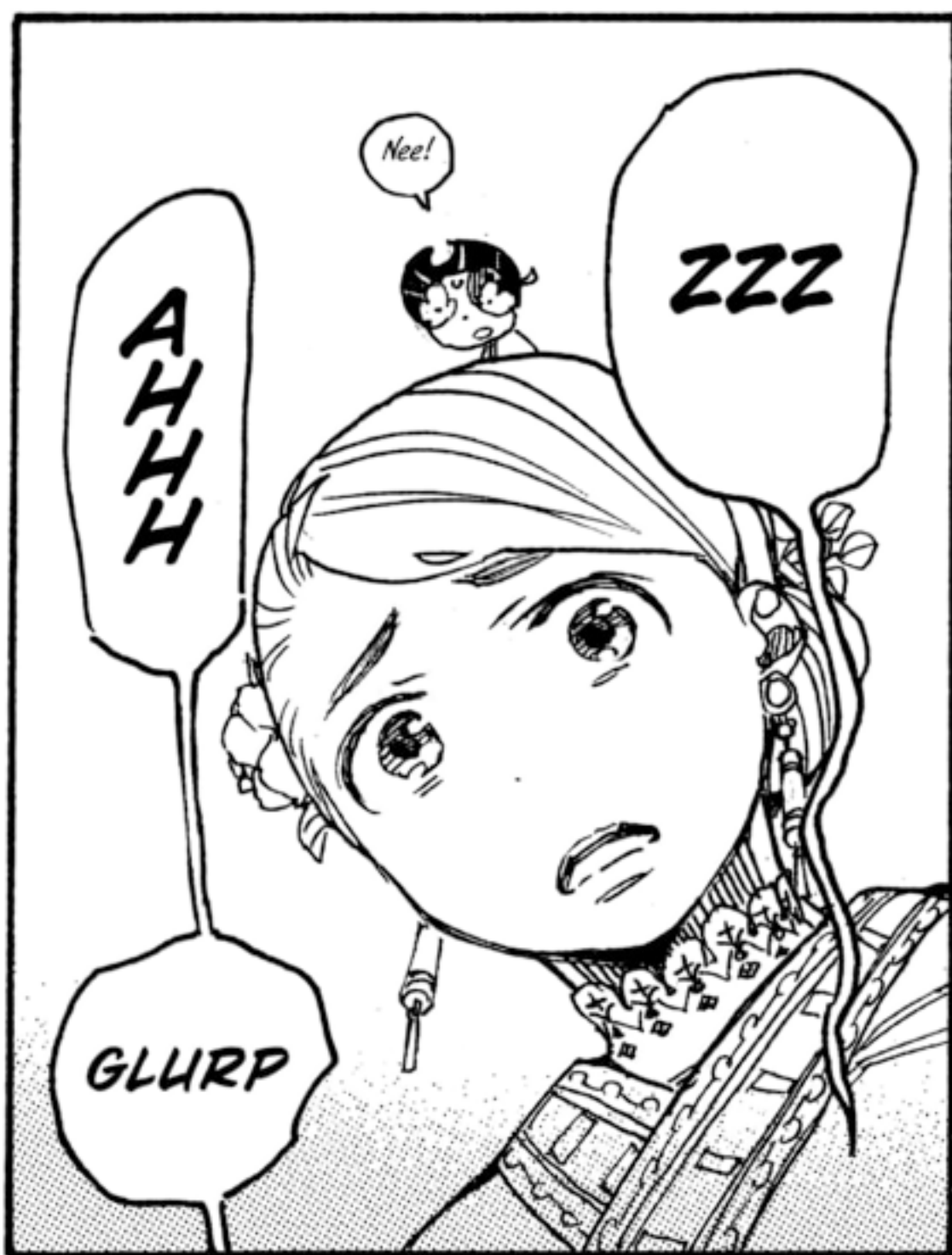
IS
SOMETHING
THE
MATTER?

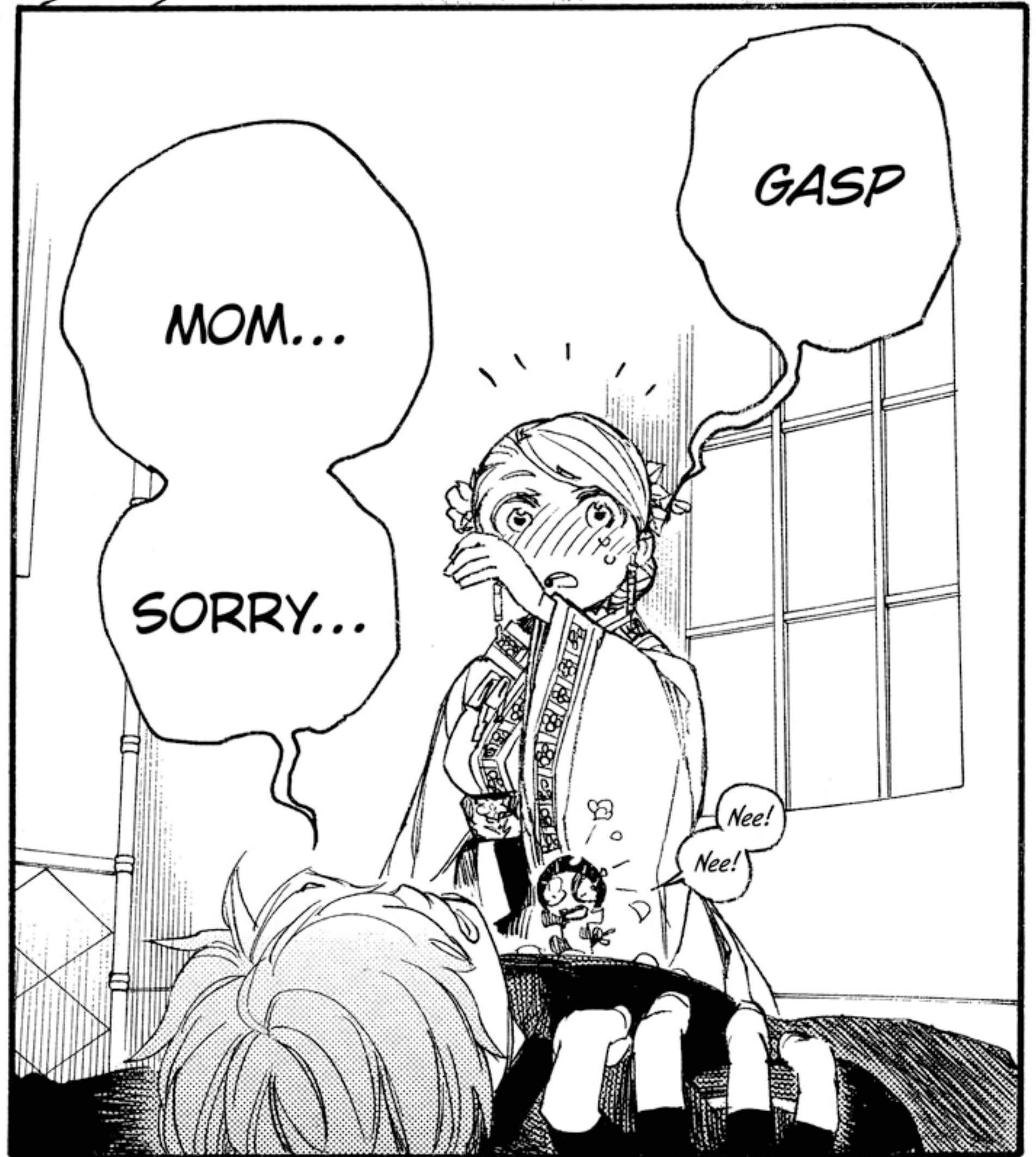
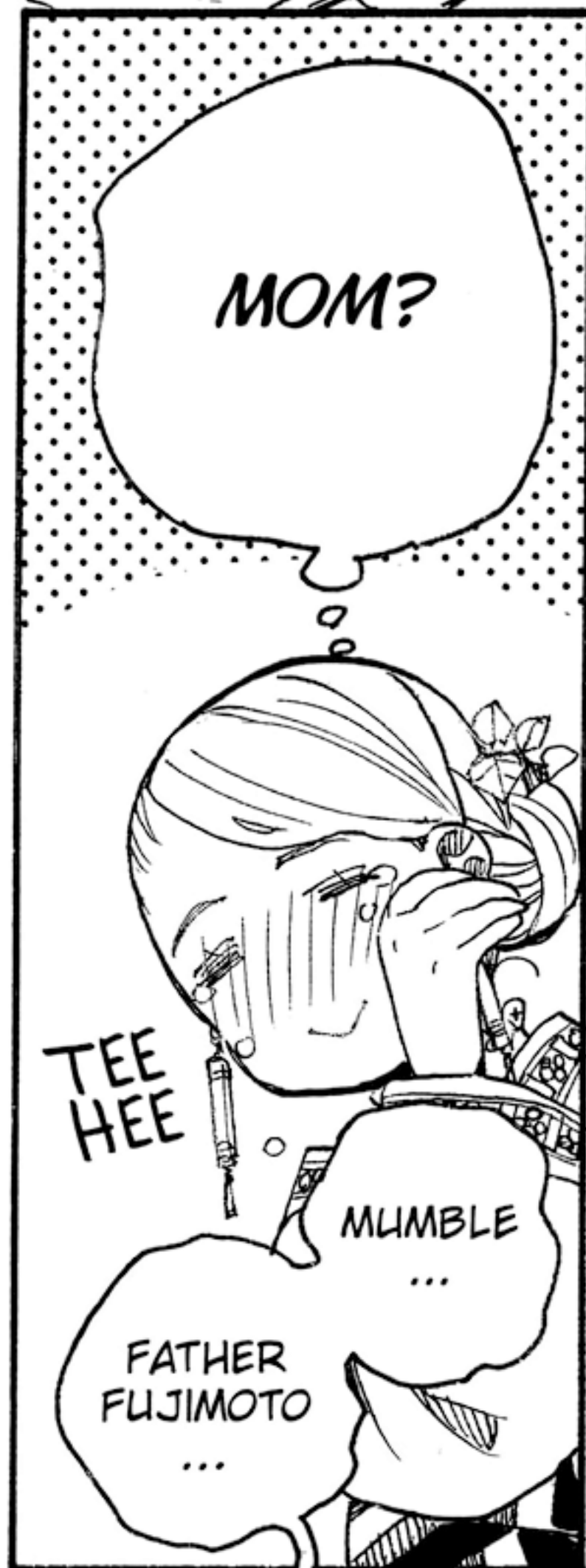
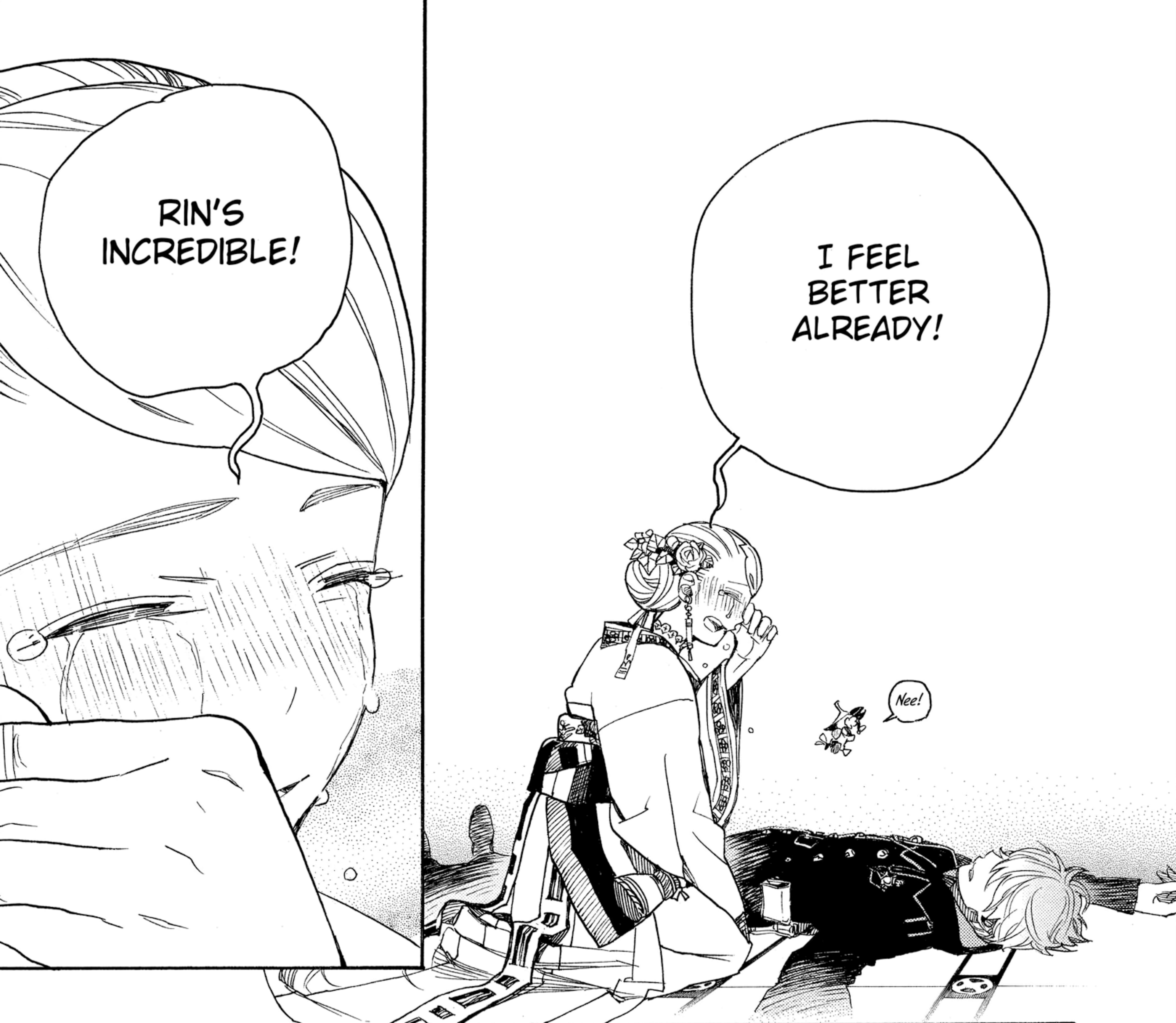


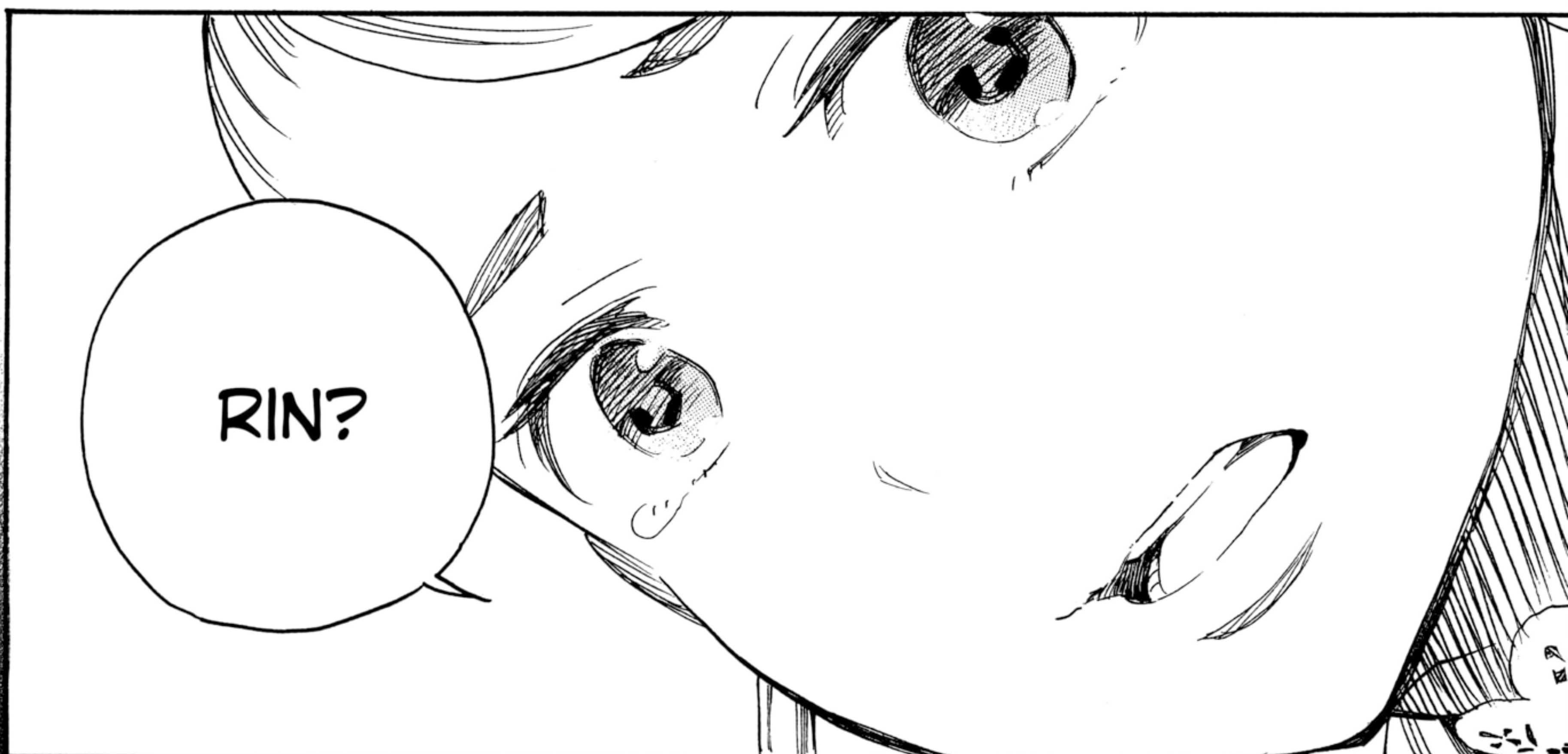
OW!!

SPLURT









**I'M SORRY,
EVERYONE.**

**I'M
SORRY**



IT'S MY
FALLET.

THAT
THING IS
THE REAL
ME.

...CREATING
A MERE
FRONT!

I
SPENT 16
YEARS...

I'VE ALWAYS
SUPPRESSED
THE REAL ME
AS SOMETHING
BAD.



**BUT
ACTUALLY...**



**...IT FEELS
GOOD TO
CUT LOOSE
WITH MY
FLAME.**



**JUST BEING
ME FEELS
AWESOME!**



**AND
EVERYONE
THINKS I'M
A SOURCE
OF EVIL.**

**MOM AND
FATHER
FUJIMOTO
DIED
BECAUSE
OF ME.**



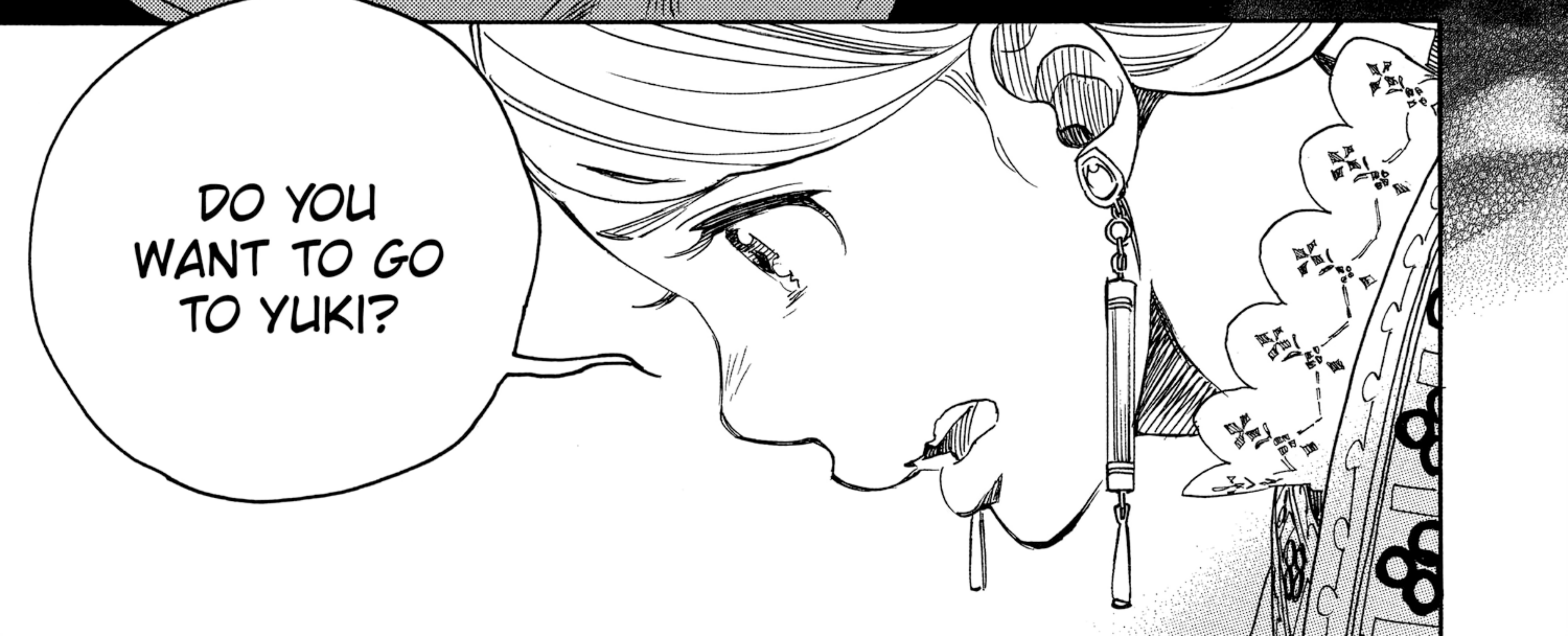
...BECAUSE
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.

THERE WAS
NEVER ANY
REASON TO
BE KIND TO
PEOPLE...



RIN!

MY
BROTHER
LEFT
BECAUSE
HE HATES
ME!!



DO YOU
WANT TO GO
TO YUKI?



**STOP IT!
STOP
TORMENTING
ME!!!!**

I THINK
YOU DO.

YUKI MADE HIS
OWN DECISION
TO LEAVE...

...BUT
HE WAS
SUFFERING.

AND YOU
WANTED TO
HELP.

**I'M
GONNA DO
WHATEVER
I WANT!**



I'M NEVER
ANY USE
WHEN IT
COUNTS.

I WANTED
TO HELP
TOO.

I'M
GONNA
GO
TOTALLY
WILD!

BUT...

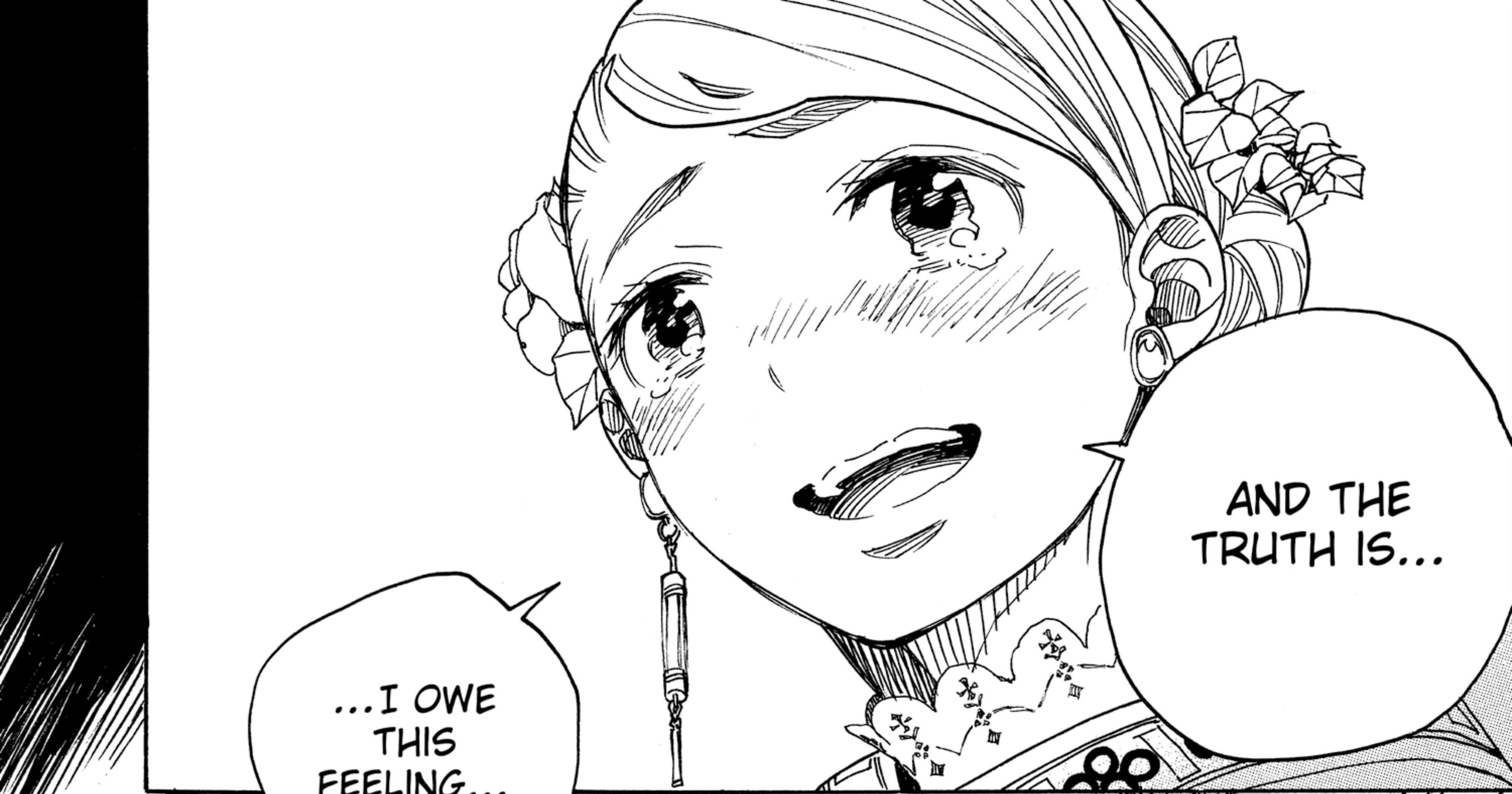
...MAYBE
EVEN I CAN
BE USEFUL.

RUB



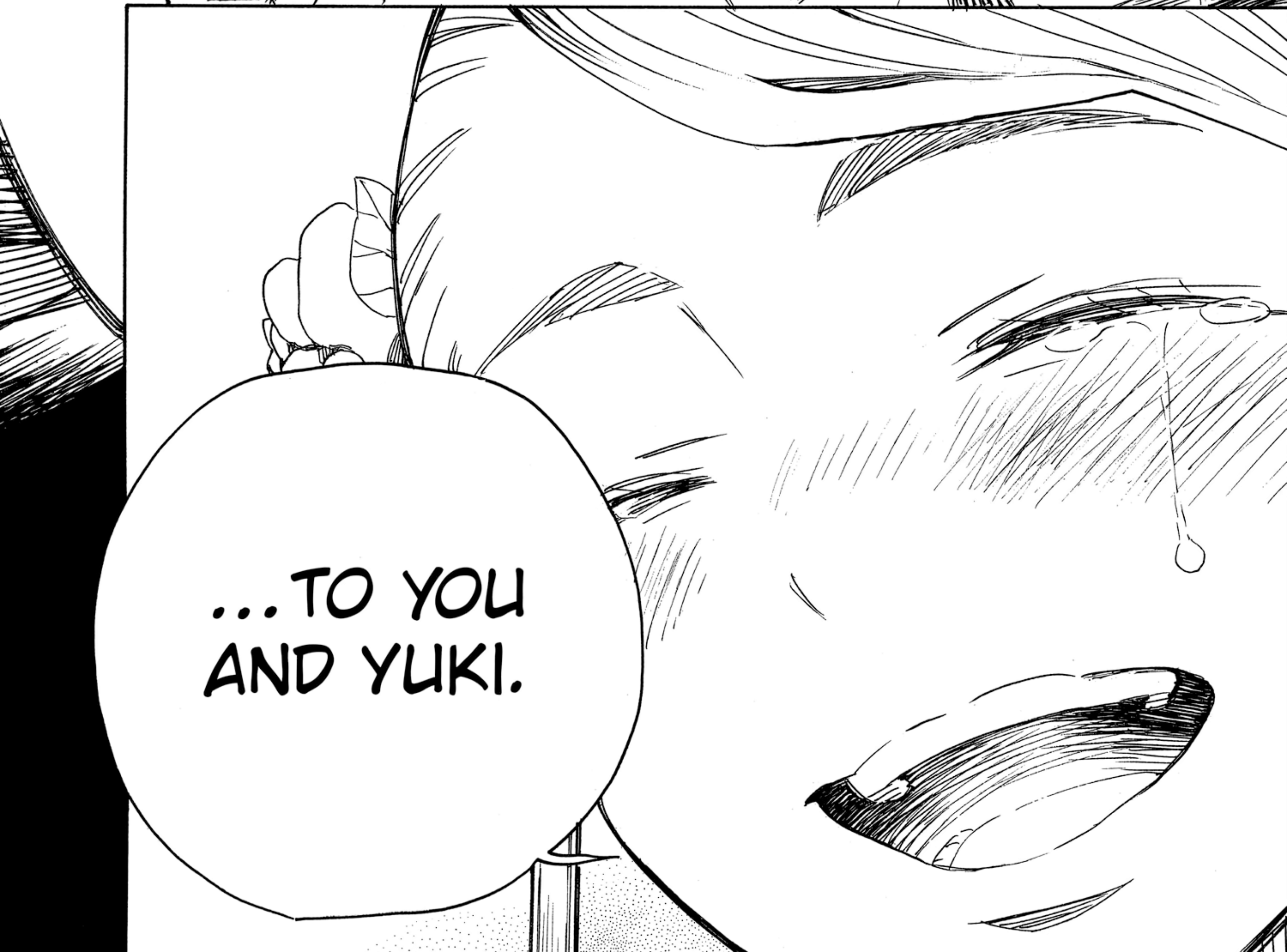
...SO I WANT
TO GIVE
SOMETHING
BACK.

I'VE
RECEIVED
SO VERY
MUCH...

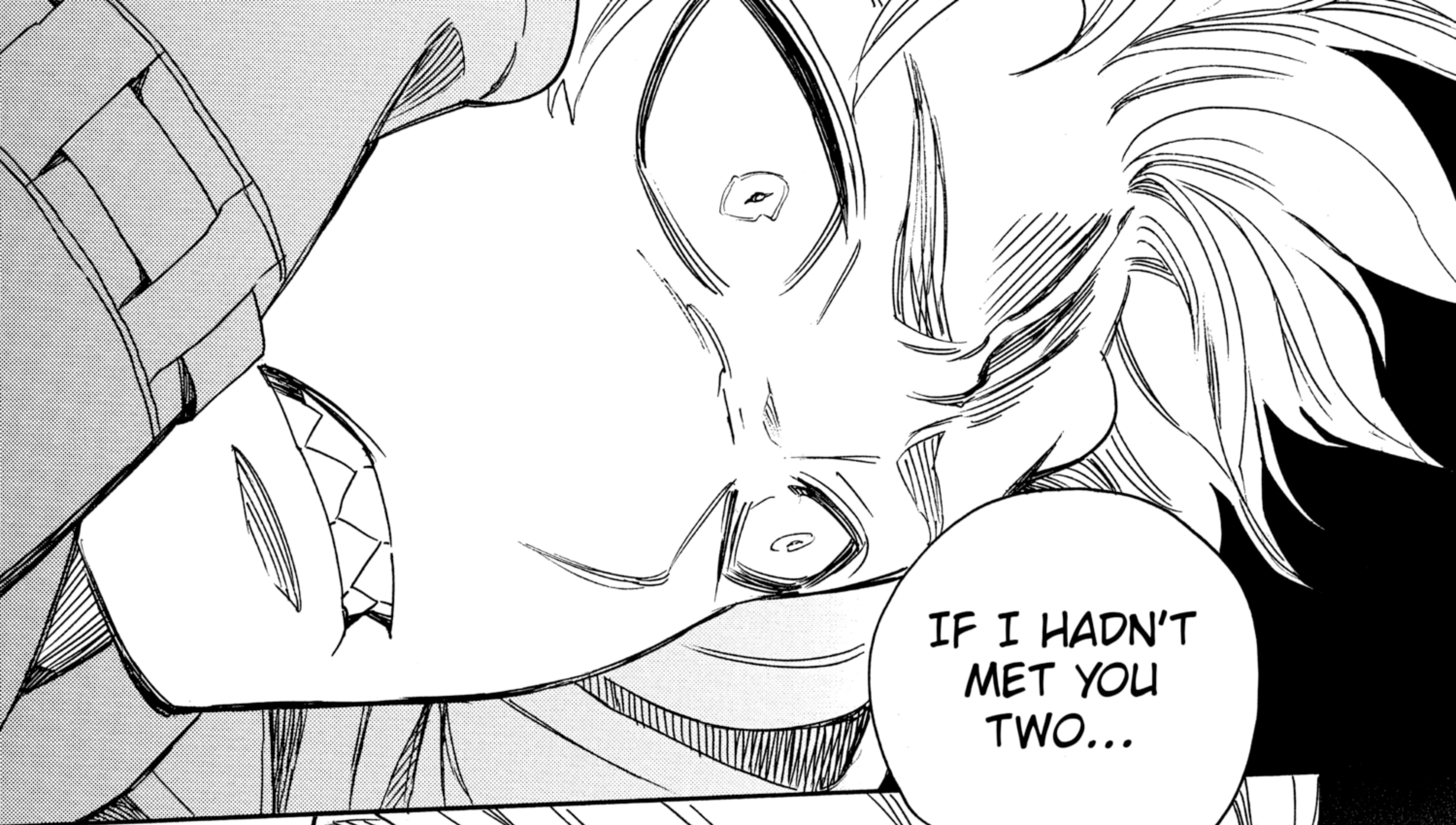


...I OWE
THIS
FEELING...

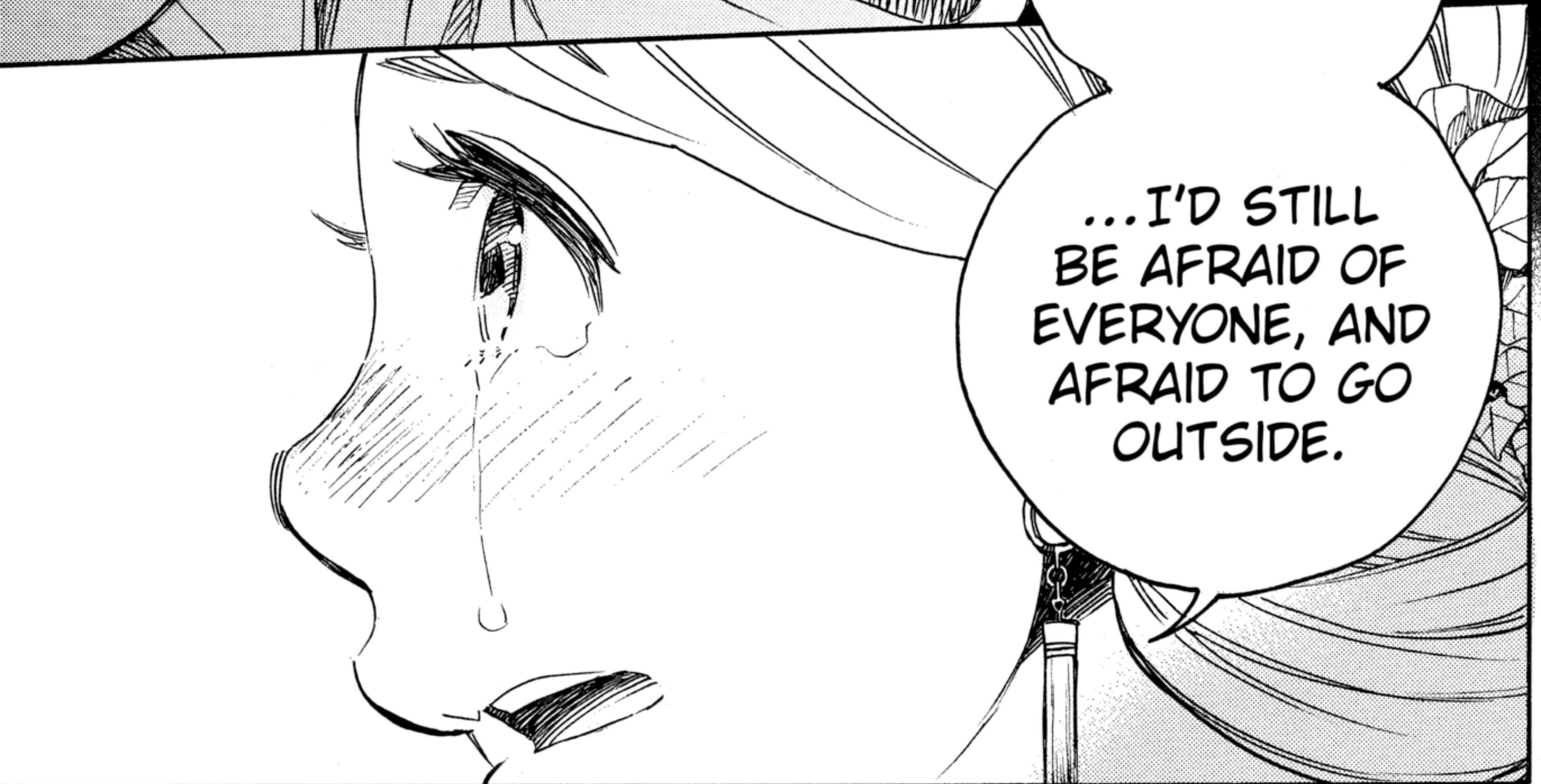
AND THE
TRUTH IS...



...TO YOU
AND YUKI.



IF I HADN'T
MET YOU
TWO...



...I'D STILL
BE AFRAID OF
EVERYONE, AND
AFRAID TO GO
OUTSIDE.



...AND YOU
INTRODUCED
ME TO IT.

IT'S A BIG,
WONDERFUL
WORLD WITH SO
MANY PEOPLE...



YOU
GUYS...

...ARE
LIKE THE
SUN TO
ME!



I'LL DO MY
BEST TO
FOLLOW
YOU!



????

BADOON

A HUGE POOP?!

EEK...

WHY'D I SAY THAT?!

EUP! I, UH...

...HAD A HUGE POOP!

YOU'RE TAKING AN AWFUL LONG TIME!

!!

LADY SHIEMI?

SLAM!

But what if...

ROLL

UGH...

NO, YOU CAN'T!!

HUH?!

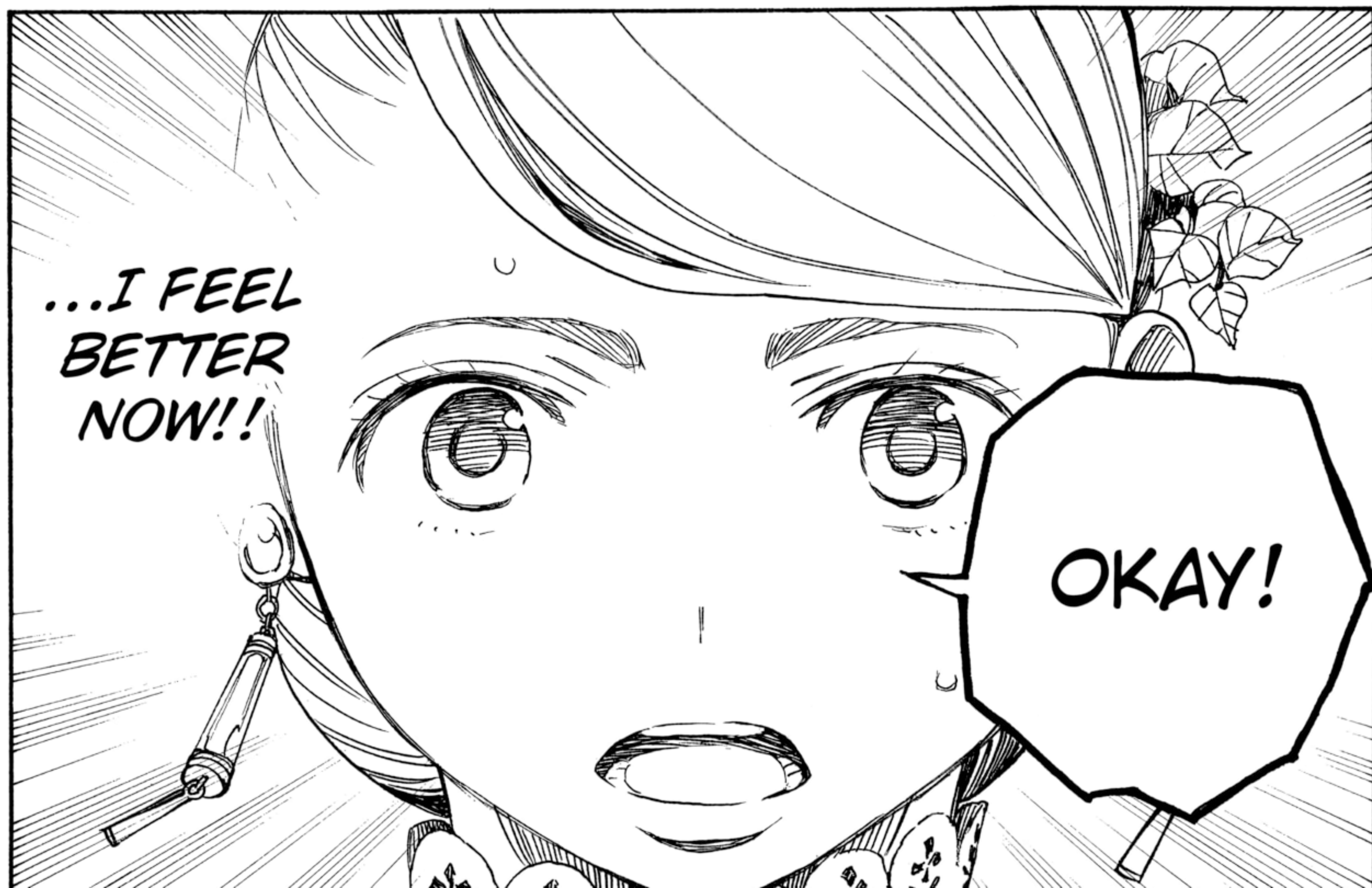
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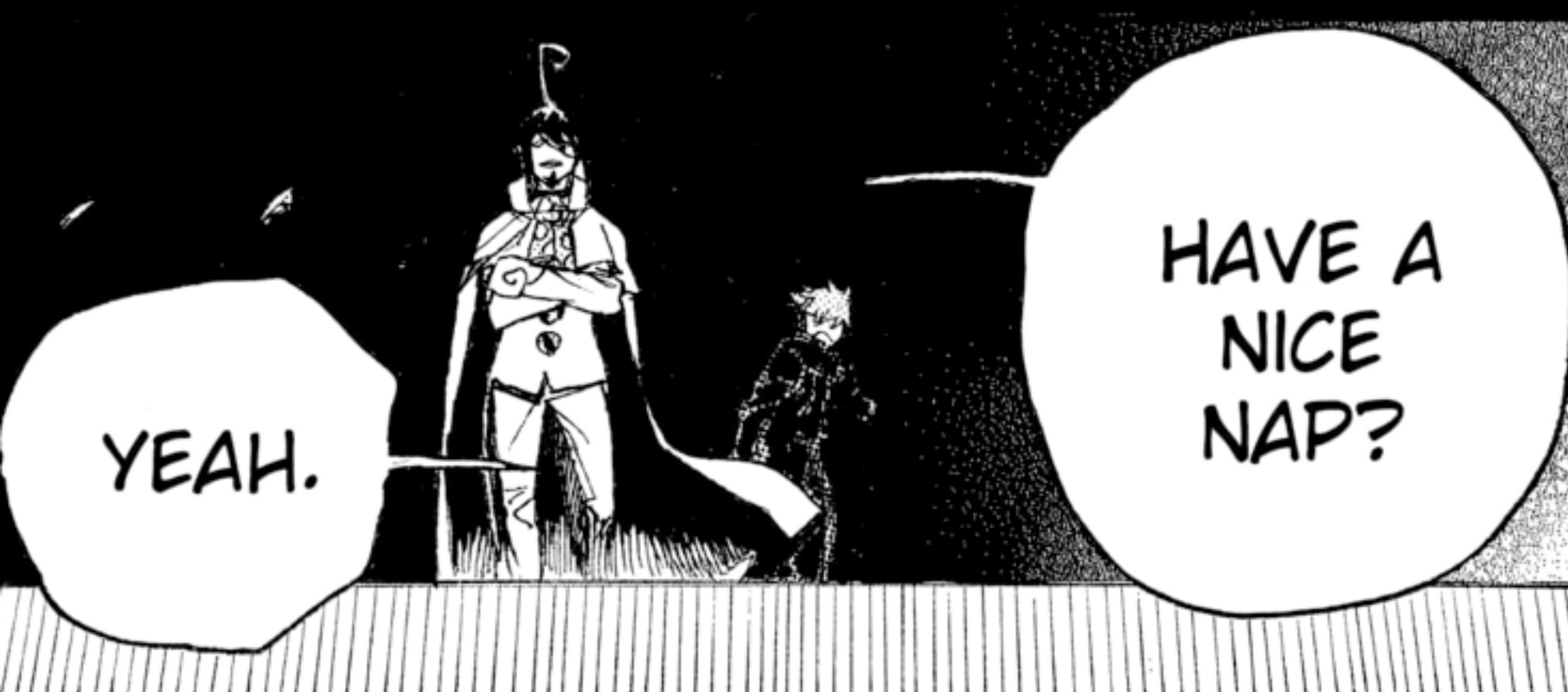
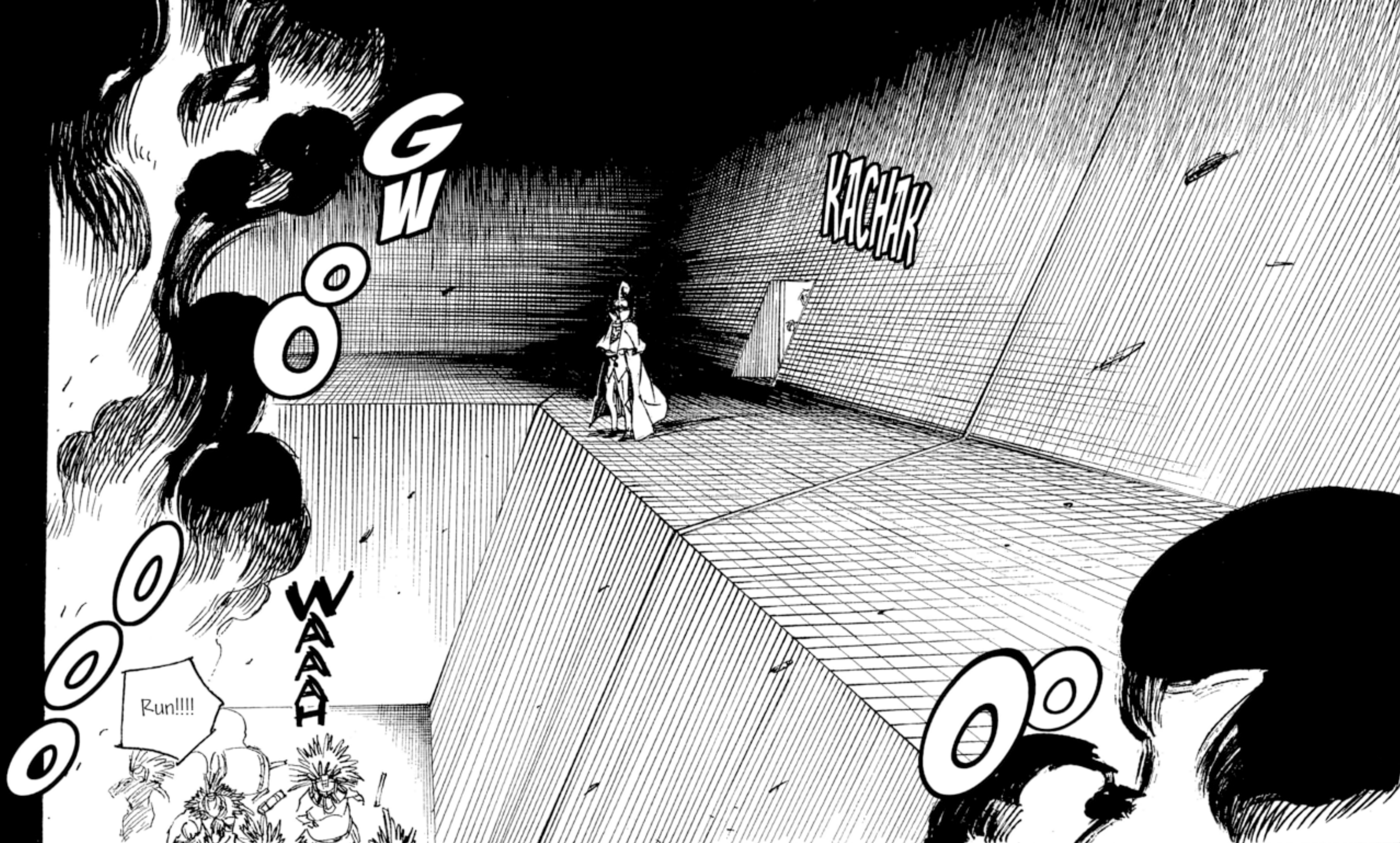
RATTLE

THEN I MUST EXAMINE YOUR LARGE STOOL.

YOU MAY BE ILL!



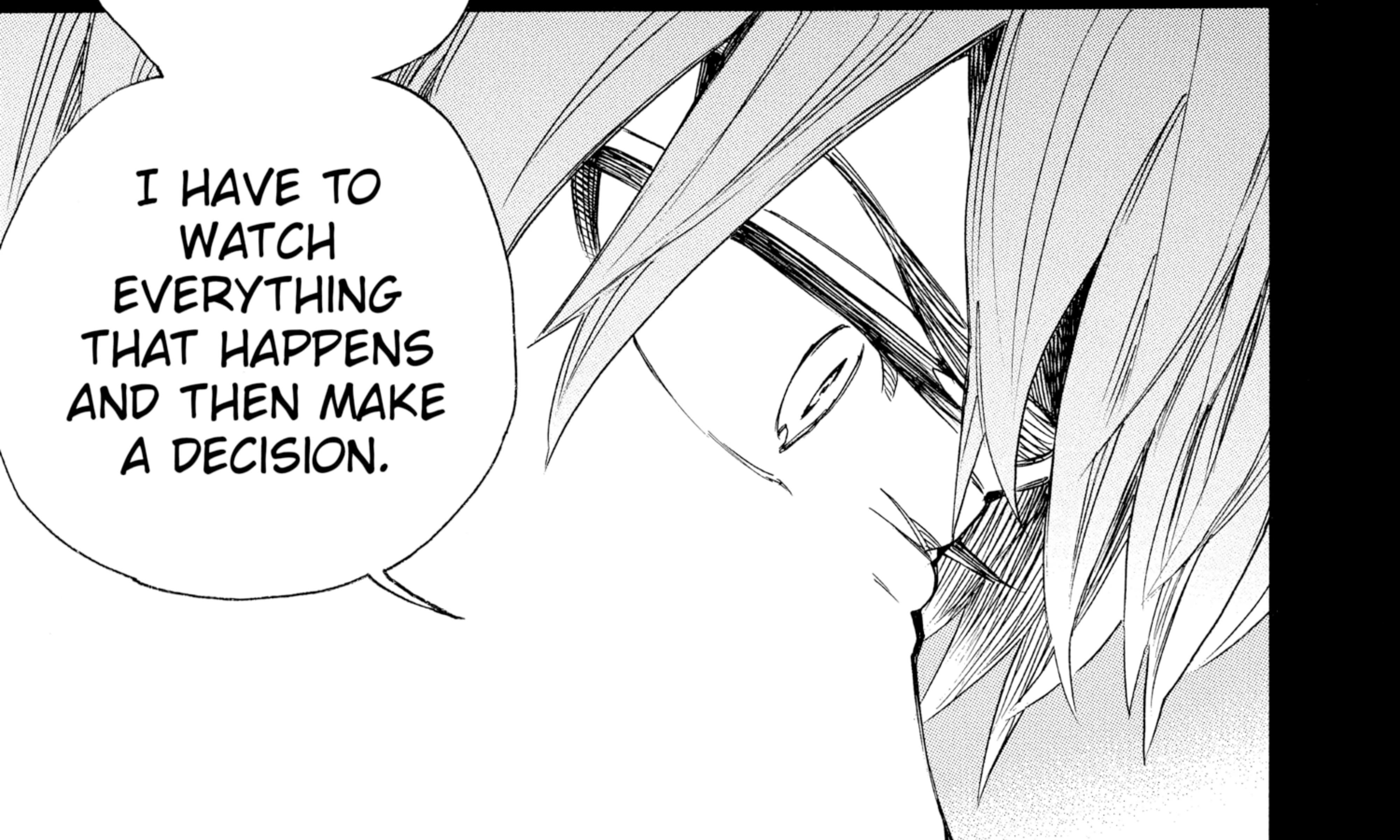








BUT I
CAN'T
JUST DIE.



I HAVE TO
WATCH
EVERYTHING
THAT HAPPENS
AND THEN MAKE
A DECISION.



INDEED...





AAAAAH!

OMP

WHOA!

OMP

WAAH!



SECTION
13...

WHAT
...



SPSHH

SPSHH

SATAN
HAS
RETURNED
!!

I DON'T
KNOW.
JUST
RUN!!

HOW? I
THOUGHT HE
COULDN'T
MOVE!



WHERE...

YURI...



WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



ARE
YOU
LEAVING
ME
?!

... YOU
GROWING
DISTANT!

WHERE ARE
YOU? I
CAN FEEL...

KOFF

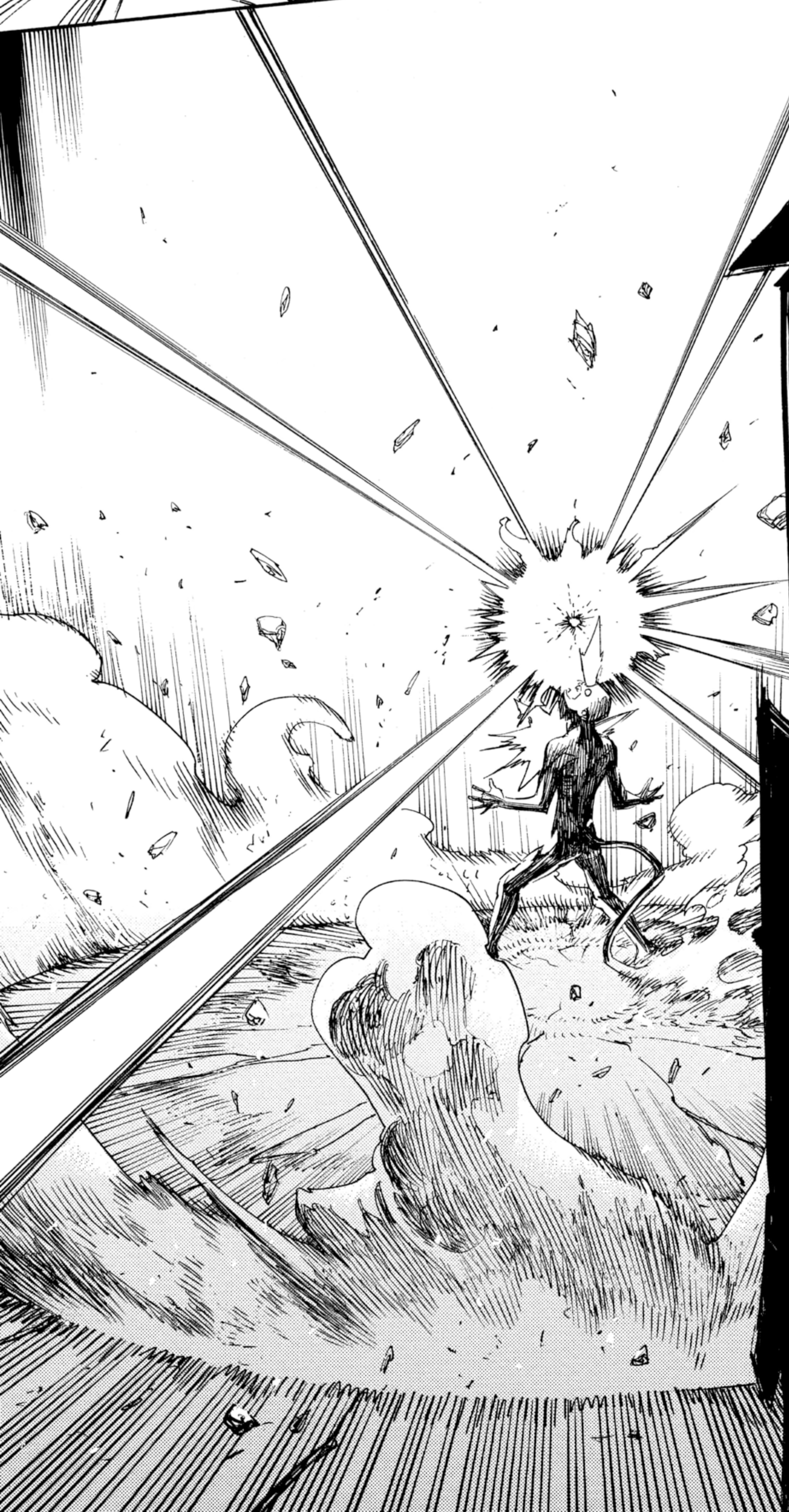
KOFF

HIS YEARNING
FOR YURI EGIN
HAS GROWN
INTO
OBSESSION.

DETERIORATION
OF THE BRAIN IN
THAT BODY HAS
ADVANCED.



SATAN HAS
BEGUN TO
BREAK.



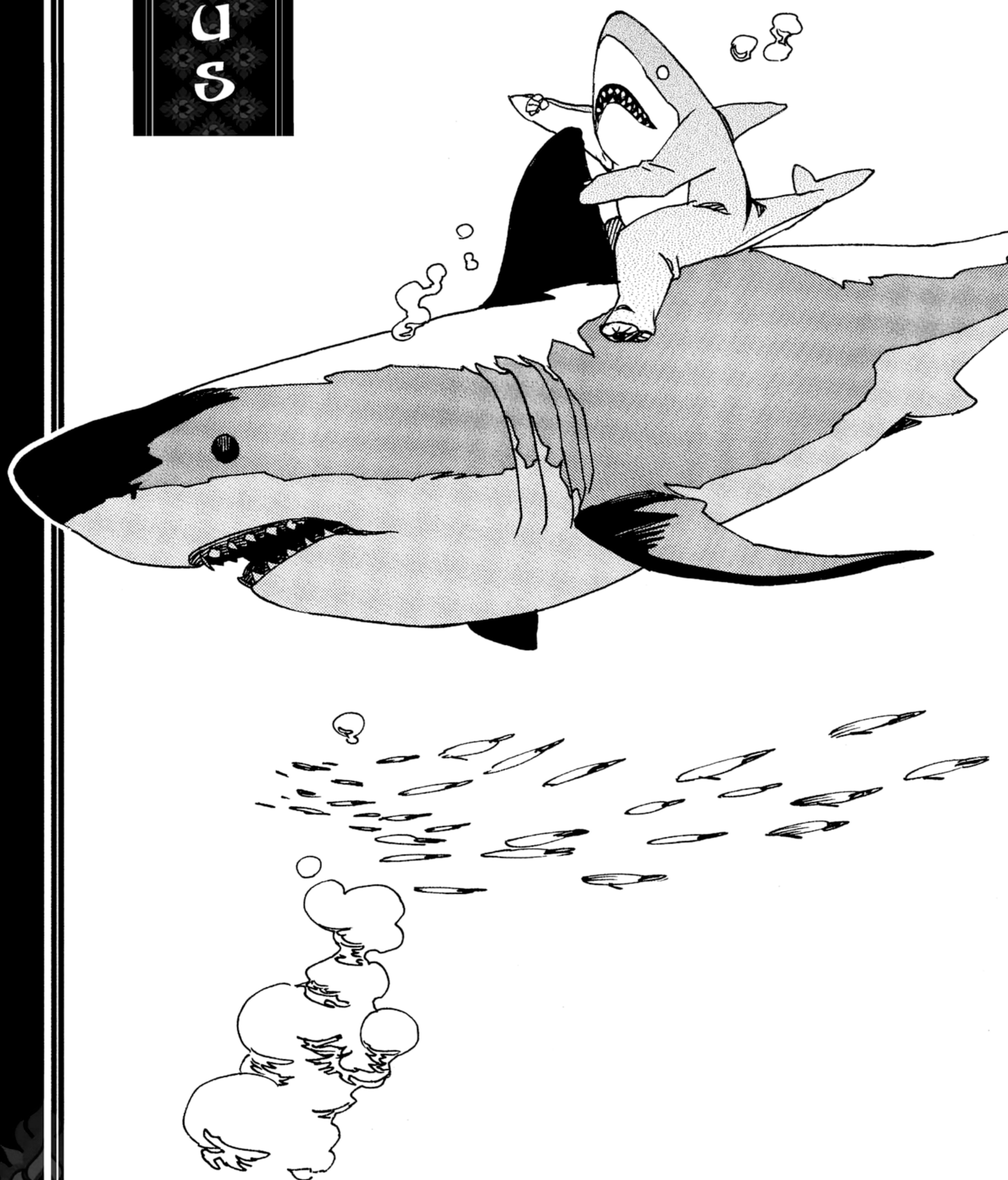
**G
R
A
A
F
F**



**THE BLUE
NIGHT HAS
BEGUN!**



B
O
N
U
S



BLUE EXORCIST BONUS

Oh,
who
cares...



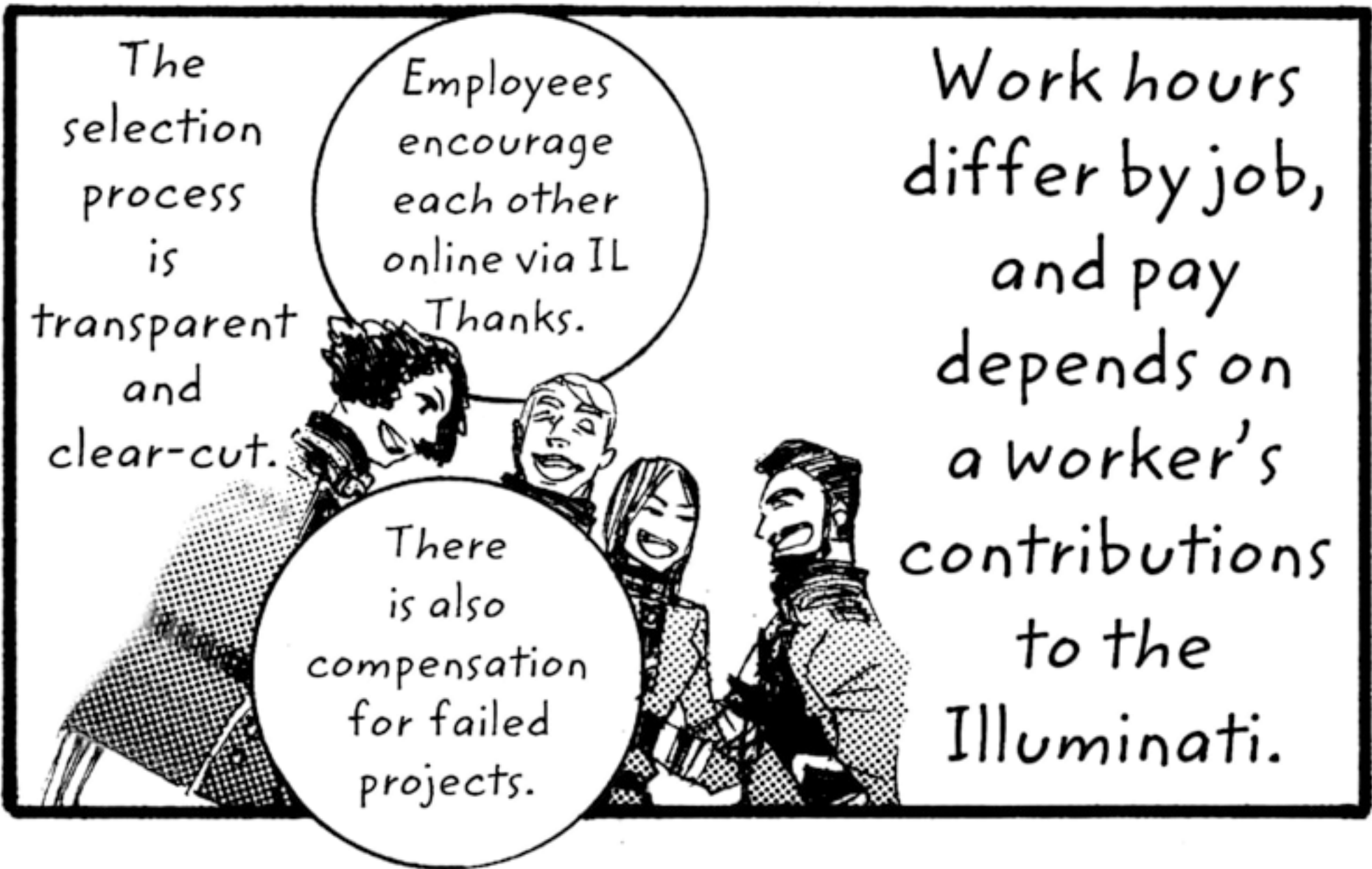
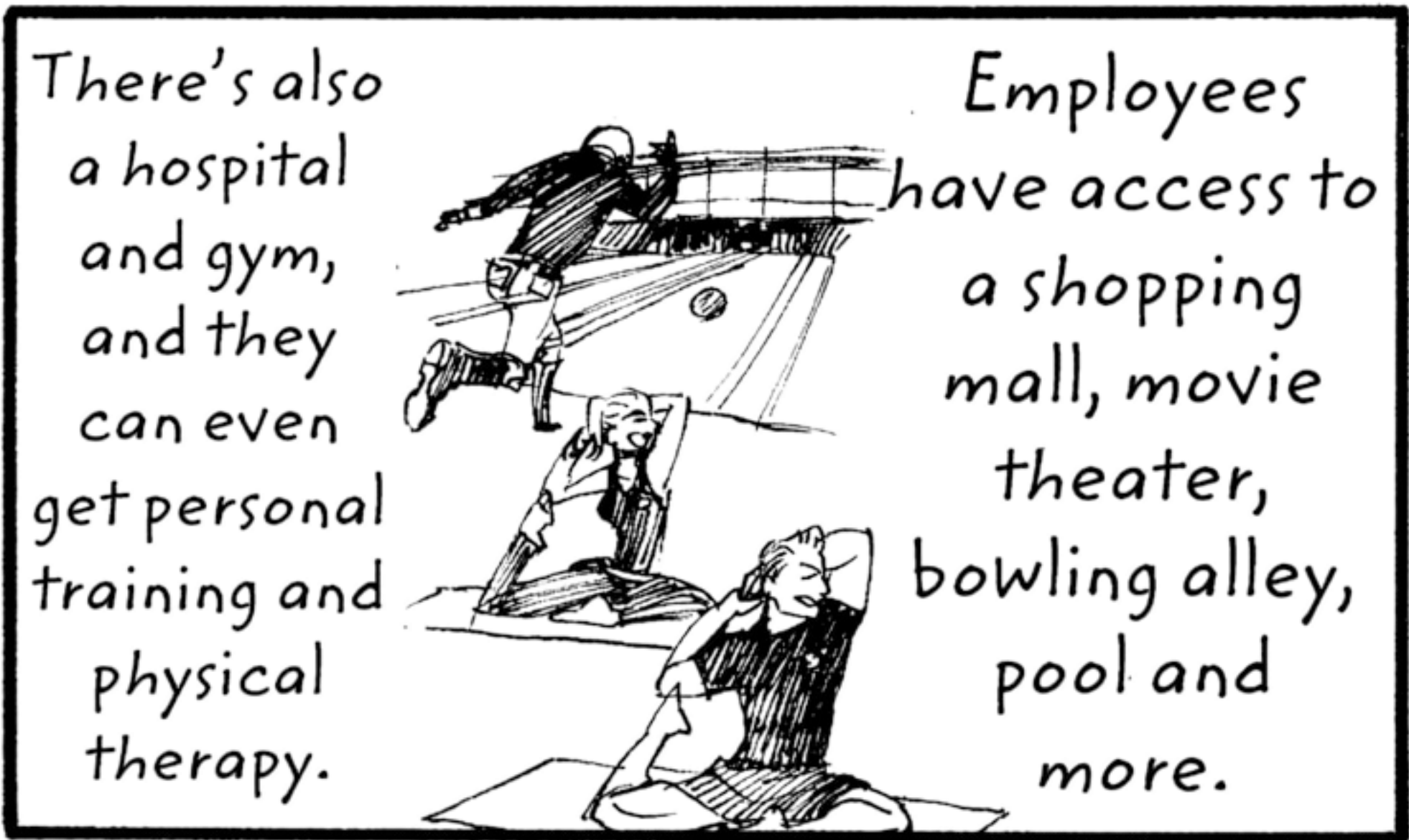
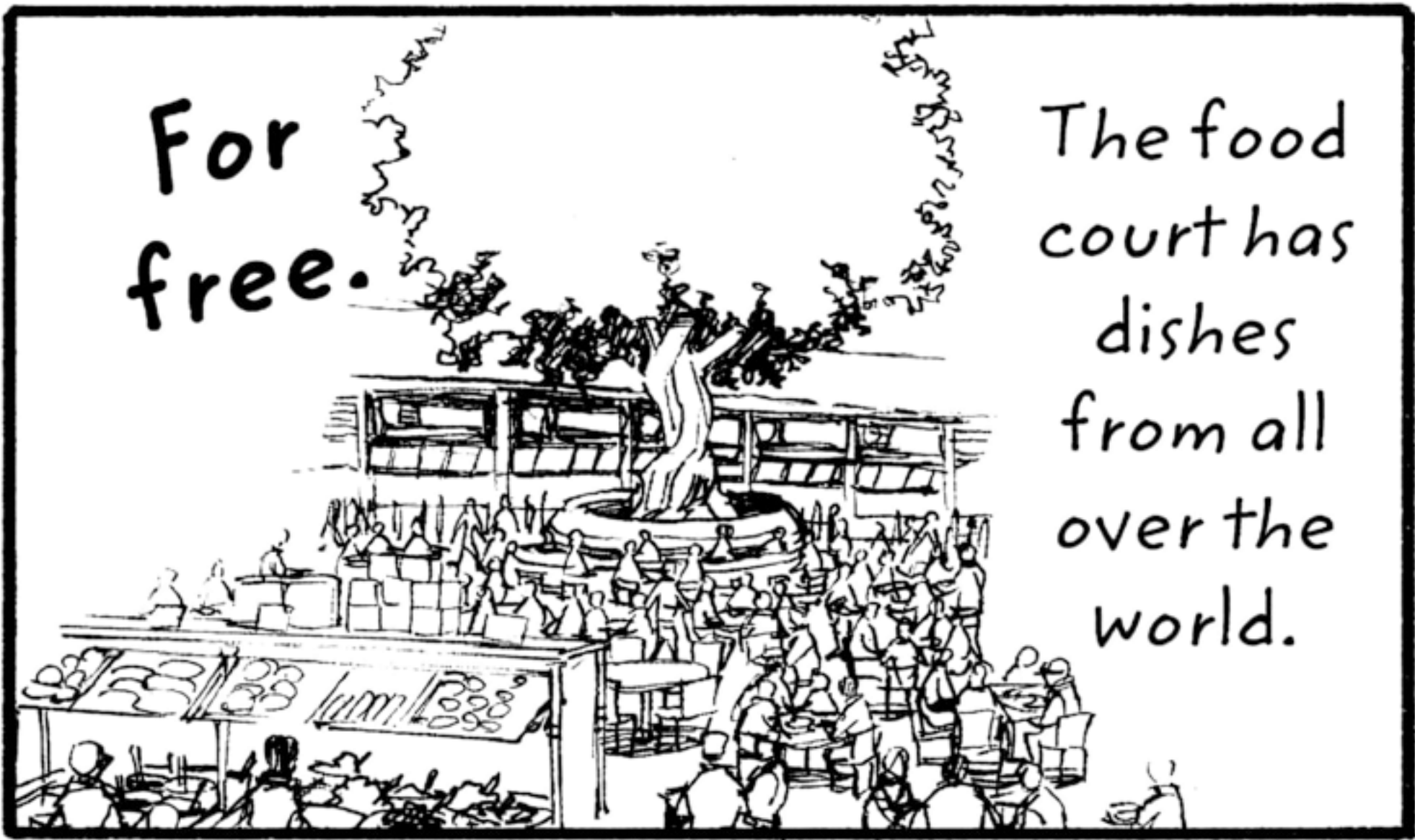
SIGH



It happened
twice, and
now three
times!
Arrrgh!!!



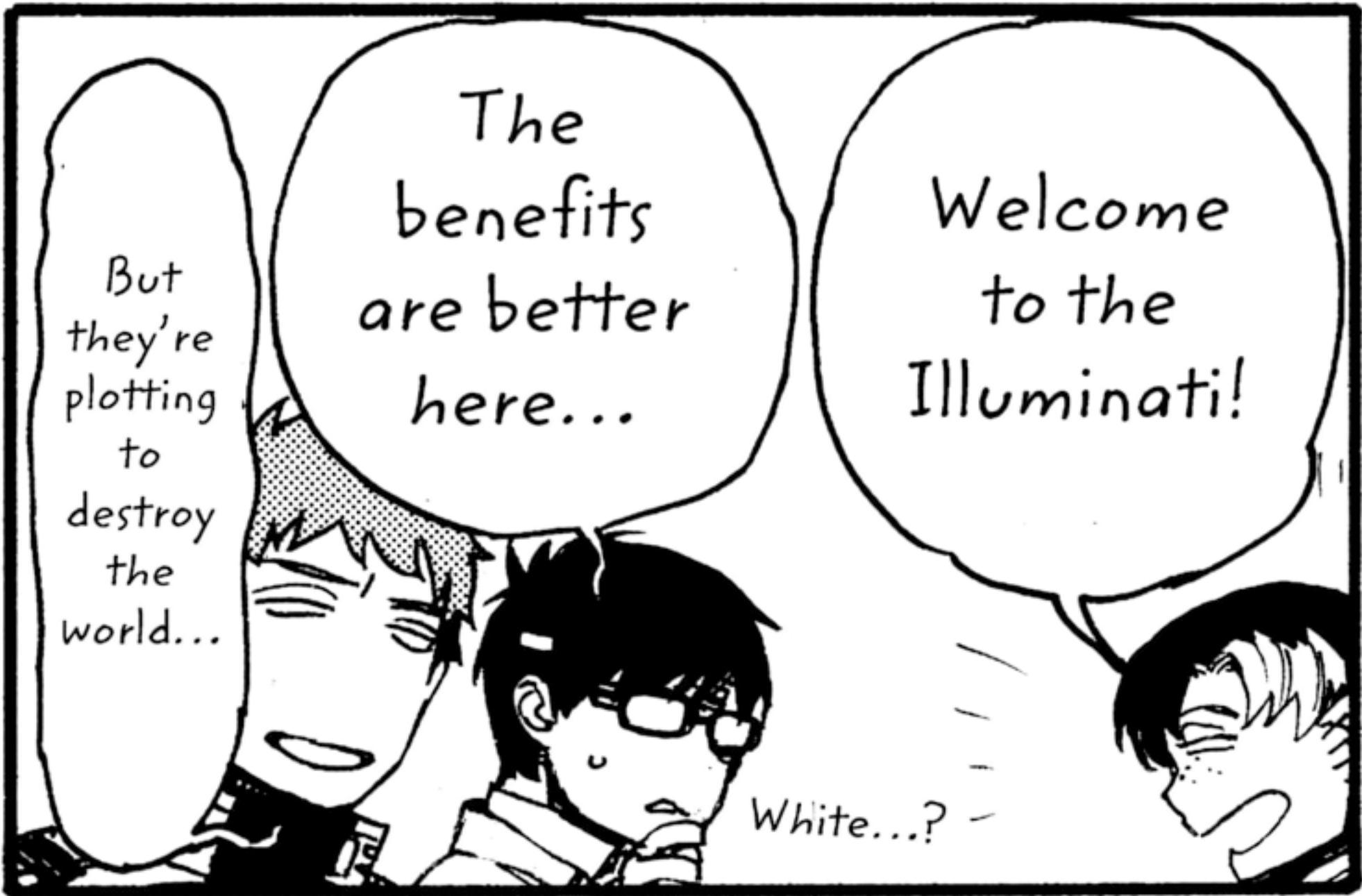
No Fear Even of Death



The Order pays based on performance...



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WHILE RIN WANDERS AROUND IN THE PAST?
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